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FIFTY MEN DIE IN COAL MINE

Explosion Occurs in West Virginia Pit With Disastrous Results

TWELVE BODIES ARE FOUND

Thirty-Eight Men Still in Mine, With Little Hope of Escape

Ennis, W. Va., Dec. 30.—The fatalities in the Lick branch mine, as the result of the explosion yesterday afternoon will probably reach fifty. Twelve bodies have already been taken out.
According to a mine foreman, there are 38 men in the mine, with little chance of their recovery alive. The cause of the explosion is unknown.
Lick Branch is the name of a coal mine in operation on the Pocahontas division of the Norfolk & Western railway. It is without commercial telegraph facilities.
It is practically settled that fifty miners were at work in the mine when the explosion occurred and that there yet remain thirty-eight in the death pit. The rescue work is very slow. The damage to the mine is reported to be great.

POLICEMEN BURGLARS

Simcoe Chief and Constable Engaged in Serious Crimes, According to Latter's Evidence

Simcoe, Ont., Dec. 30.—At the hearing of the Malone case yesterday Constable Wilkins was the only witness examined. He said he was with Chief Malone when the latter's store was burglarized and when Martin's store was entered, and declared that some twenty piano draperies were stolen and divided between them. He knew Malone set fire to Madden's shop, the fair ground barns, West and Peachy's boiler shop, McBride's barn and Schuyler's grocery store. Wilkins swore positively that Malone forced him into criminal acts on threats of his life. Malone told him if he talked of their joint acts his life would not be worth the snuff of a candle. Malone was remanded for trial at the court of sessions on Feb. 22.

WANDER IN WILDS

Strange Story of Mexican Woman and Child Reported From Athabasca Country

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 30.—Warbling about in the wilds of the north, among the haunts of innumerable timber wolves, Margaret Romero, a Mexican woman, old and frail, and her daughter, a child of 13 years, have been found by Indians in a starving condition, almost frozen and desperate from hunger.
The place where the two were found was at Calling Lake, seventy-five miles west of Athabasca Landing. The pitiful story came to the immigration officer of Bruce Walker today. The place is uninhabited, and only wolves and big game abound in the bush and swamps, which in winter time are buried in mountains of snow.
Entirely unprotected from the elements and evidently the victim of hallucination, they are wanderers over the earth. Seemingly homeless and without a friend in the world, they have endured unknown hardships for a long time. Both have been driven from Canada into the United States and from the States into Canada again.

Appeal for Aid.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Baron Edmondo Mayor des Planches, Italian ambassador to the United States, issued a proclamation today to the Italian people in the United States appealing to them for aid for their suffering countrymen in the earthquake region. In asking the Associated Press to carry his message to the Italians in this country, he expresses his desire that it be printed in Italian for the benefit of those of his countrymen who were unable to read.

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Death of U. S. Consul
Kenora, Ont., Dec. 30.—John Bean, United States consul here, and secretary of the board of trade, died last night from diabetes. He was well known throughout the west.

Throw Himself on Tracks
Toronto, Dec. 30.—An unknown man committed suicide last night by deliberately throwing himself on the tracks before a northbound belt line car on Sherbourne street. He was cut to pieces.

Count Boni Defeated
Paris, Dec. 30.—The petition of Count Boni de Castellane for the custody of his children was denied today by the court which ruled that they shall remain with their mother, the Countess de Sagan, who was formerly Miss Anna Gould, of New York.

Train Robbers Confess
Portland, Ore., Dec. 30.—Two of the three train robbers who looted the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Chicago express train at Clarno a week ago on Thursday night, pleaded guilty to the charge of train robbery before Judge Gantenbein this afternoon, and were immediately sentenced to the penitentiary. William Burke, being the first to confess to the robbery, was given four years, while Jack Hayes, the leader of the gang, was given twelve years. The proceedings were short. Hayes and Burke were taken from the county jail and the entire proceedings were over in five minutes.

Air Navigation
New York, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made today of the proposed organization of the Aerial Navigation company, with principal offices in New York City, and a capital of \$50,000,000. Thurlof Weed Barnes, known in connection with large Chinese railway operations, is to be president of the new company, and Lewis Nixon, the well-known shipbuilder, is to serve as chief engineer and superintendent of construction. Other men of prominence, it is stated, are interested in the company. The company proposes to build airships 700 feet or more in length, with a diameter of about eighty feet, with accommodations for at least 100 people.

WESTERN TEAM WINS SECOND HOCKEY GAME

But Stanley Cup Stays With Montreal Men on Net Results of Series

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Edmonton defeated the Wanderers in the second and final game of the Stanley cup series tonight in one of the closest and most exciting games witnessed at the Arena in a couple of seasons. The challengers, however, failed to lift the cup; their victory tonight being by a score of 7 to 6, while their defeat in the first game was 7 to 3, leaving the Wanderers with a margin of three goals on the total.

Edmonton, with two home players on the team that had been gathered together from all over Canada, proved a 100 per cent. better team than in the first game. Miller and Deeton, who replaced the injured Phillips and McNawara, being the stars of the forward line. Deeton scored three goals and Miller two, and both played secure hockey of a high order.
For all around work the Edmonton forwards were better than the Wanderers, although the Wanderers' defence was the strongest. Three Wanderer players were benched in the first five minutes of the play, and before they were back in the game, Edmonton had scored two goals. This seemed to upset the home team, and the best they could do was to score one goal before half time, leaving Edmonton in the lead, 2 to 1.

In the second half Edmonton again scored the first two goals, but the next three went to the Wanderers, evening the score, 4 to 4, and killing the western team's chances of winning out on the score.
Of the last five goals Edmonton scored three and the Wanderers two. The score was tied three times in this period, and the crowd of 4,500 were keyed up to a high pitch of excitement.

BRIDGE MISHAP

Heavy Girder of New Granville Street Bridge at Vancouver, Falls Into Mud Flat

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—While the employees of Armstrong & Morrison were yesterday afternoon placing a heavy girder in position on the piers of the new Granville street bridge, the steel proved too heavy for the equipment, and got beyond control. Finally it broke from its cables and landed in the creek, being buried in the tide. The hoisting equipment is mounted on a scow, and is of the piledriver type of construction. Owing to the extraordinary weight of the steel, at the time of the accident, but the fact that the girder was beyond control was known sufficiently long enough to enable all the workmen to get out of the way, and no person was injured. Operations for bringing the girder from the bed of the creek are in progress this morning, and when it is recovered it will be possible to put out of the way the steel injured by the accident. It is stated that incident will delay the work of laying steel on the bridge for about ten days.

Kaufman Gets Decision
Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—Al Kaufman, of California, was given the decision over Jack Barry, of Chicago, in the 29th round of what was scheduled to be a 45-round contest here tonight. Barry's seconds threw up the sponge.

Fire in Philadelphia
Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Fire was discovered at 1:45 o'clock this morning in the wool warehouse of Fred Wolstenholme and Howard Boyer & Son, at 34 South Letitia street, in the centre of the downtown wholesale district. The flames made rapid progress. A general alarm has been turned in.

LOAD TOO HEAVY FOR PROVINCES

Government Ownership of Elevators Out of Question at Present

OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE

Premier Roblin Says Manitoba Could Not Bear Added Burden

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—It was learned tonight from a source which can be relied upon that the government of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are not prepared at the present time to enact legislation which would permit of government ownership of interior elevators.
A conference was held in Regina a short time ago, at which Premier Roblin, of Manitoba, Premier Scott, of Saskatchewan, Premier Rutherford, of Alberta, and representatives of the grain growers' associations of the three provinces were present. The question of government ownership of the interior elevators was discussed, pro and con and after the discussion closed the premiers present promised to confer and give their decision later. It was learned today that while an official reply has not been sent to the answers by the representatives by the three governments, a gentle hint has been given that government ownership of elevators at the present time cannot be entertained, and that the prayer of the producers cannot be granted.
Premier Roblin is said to have been hostile to the movement for government ownership of elevators from the outset, and at the conference held in Regina, he is said to have stated that the government of Manitoba could not be a party to any such legislation at present, as the finances of the province would not permit of the large expenditure necessary to purchase the elevators at present in the province. The premier is said to have stated that the financial resources of the province were now taxed to their fullest capacity.

The grain growers of western Canada will appoint Andrew Graham, of Pomeroy as a member of the railway commission in succession to the late Hon. Thos. Greenway. A meeting of the executive of the Manitoba grain growers was held this evening, at which a resolution was passed officially endorsing Mr. Graham for the vacancy.

Senator Bernier Dead
Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Hon. Thomas A. Bernier, senator for St. Boniface, died at noon today. He has been hovering between life and death for a week past, following a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Bernier has been prominent in western politics for many years past.

IMMENSE TREASURE MOVED WITH SAFETY

Gold Coin to Amount of \$225,500,000 Transferred to Denver Mint

Washington, Dec. 30.—Moving \$225,500,000 in gold coin a distance of more than one thousand miles without accident, or without loss of a dollar, is the feat just successfully accomplished by the treasury department of the United States under the supervision of the directorship of the mint. Owing to all the principal vaults of the San Francisco mint having been filled with gold coin, and the basement and other less desirable vaults as well, it was deemed desirable to move this amount to the new modern vaults of the Denver mint, the largest and most secure of any in the United States. Secretary Cortelyou therefore ordered its transfer. The movement of the coin was begun on August 15th, and was completed on December 19. This is by far the largest transfer of money ever made by the department.

Jeffries Refuses.
Melbourne, Dec. 30.—Jeffries has refused John Wren's offer of £10,000 sterling, win or lose or draw, to fight Johnston at Melbourne on Cup day. Jeffries states that he will fight no more.

Dropped Dead
Amherstburg, Ont., Dec. 30.—William H. McEvoy, former mayor of Amherstburg and a leading citizen, dropped dead at midnight in the Masonic hall. He was the principal speaker at a local lodge function. He leaves a widow and three children.

Eastern Shareholders Triumph
Regina, Dec. 30.—Eastern shareholders scored a signal victory at the Malcom's western canneries meeting here yesterday, which will hereafter be known as the Central Canada Meat Packing company, the name of Malcom being struck out of the articles of association, and that gentleman, who organized the original company, having resigned from the managing directorship without conditions, the former agreement whereby he was to get 600 shares of common stock as bonus on retirement being cancelled. C. A. Flowers, of Winnipeg, was appointed general manager in his place. The following directors were also added to the board: Hon. R. W. Scott, Ottawa, and J. T. Barrie, Toronto, representing eastern shareholders, and Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, Winnipeg. Thirty members of the company were present, representing three thousand shares, and additional capital was voted for putting the concern's plant at Medicine Hat on a working basis.

Blaze in Montreal
Montreal, Dec. 30.—Four families suffered damage last night from fire, water or smoke, as the result of a blaze that broke out in a four story tenement house in Lavery lane, East.

Chili Wants Money
London, Dec. 30.—A Chilean loan of \$15,000,000 will be issued in this city next week under the auspices of the Rothschilds. The issue price is 96 1/2 with interest at 5 per cent.

Cholera in St. Petersburg
St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—The cholera has again increased in this city owing to the cold weather. There were 26 new cases and four deaths from the twenty-four hours ended at noon today.

Winnipeg Fatality
Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—While excavating for sewers in Fort Rouge suburb yesterday afternoon, a large frozen piece of earth fell on three men, instantly killing Joseph Jack, Russian, and H. Machuk, Galician, badly injuring Nikolaj Majka, Galician.

Flour Mills Re-organization.
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30.—At a meeting of English holders of the debentures of the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Co., today, the plan for the re-organization of the company was unanimously approved. This practically assures the re-organization, and the plan needs only the approval of the creditors, from whose committee it originally came.

Franchise for Women.
Albany, N.Y., Dec. 30.—For the purpose of securing "the national, state and local franchise for women," the Equal Franchise Society, with principal offices in New York, filed a certificate of incorporation today with the secretary of state. The society proposes to establish such offices and headquarters as may seem desirable, and maintain publicity bureaus, holding meetings and distributing printed matter. Among the directors are: Rev. Chas. F. Aked, Wm. M. Evans, Chas. Sprague Smith, John B. Stanchfield, Harriet Stanton Blatch, Margaret Aldrich and Elsie Golet, all of New York.

MODERN METHODS OF BANK ROBBERY

Oklahoma Bank Looted in Daylight in an Up-to-Date Fashion

Muskogee, O. T., Dec. 30.—Five robbers dynamited the bank at Elliston, Okla., today and escaped with \$5,000. The robbers erected a barbed wire barricade around the bank, and while some members of the gang went to work on the bank safe, others stood guard. The picket for two hours kept the townspeople at bay, while their confederates worked on the vault, and when finally the robbers succeeded in getting the money it contained the five men rode off, covering their departure with a heavy fire.

ESCAPES PENITENTIARY

Death of Wm. L. Mathues, Accused of Graft in Pennsylvania Capital Building

Media, Pa., Dec. 30.—William L. Mathues, former state treasurer of Pennsylvania, died suddenly at his home here, aged 46 years. The cause of death was given by his physicians as pneumonia, but it is generally believed that his illness was superinduced by the Harrisburg capital graft cases and his recent sentence of two years in penitentiary for his part in the alleged conspiracy against the state.
For many years, Mathues was one of the political leaders of Pennsylvania, and his power in Delaware county politics was supreme until the exposure of the capital grafts by his successor as state treasurer, Wm. H. Berry.
It was then that Mathues retired from the Republican county chairmanship "temporarily," as he explained, until he could be vindicated. Last March, he, William P. Snyder, former auditor general; James M. Shumaker, former superintendent of public grounds, and buildings; and John Sanson, furniture contractor, were convicted of conspiracy in defrauding the state out of \$15,308 on a contract for wooden furniture.
The four men, with Architect Joseph B. Huston, were to have been placed on trial on April 5th on the charge of fraud in furnishing desks for the new capitol. This case involved an alleged fraud of \$25,577 on a bill of \$61,000.

Water Tank Bursts
Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 30.—The big tank situated at the east end of the Grand Trunk yards burst yesterday, and toppling over submerged the yards and tracks in tons of water. A boy received slight injuries.

Death of Collector Sidey.
Port Colborne, Dec. 30.—Samuel P. Sidey, collector of customs of this place, and formerly connected with the Welland Tribune, died in the hospital at St. Catharines this morning, following an operation for appendicitis. He was 58 years old, and leaves a widow and four children.

Finder of St. Eugene Mine.
Moyle, B.C., Dec. 30.—Peter, the Indian who discovered the St. Eugene mine, was in Moyle this week. It was fifteen years ago last spring that Peter, while hunting along Moyle Lake, found some float and carried it to the St. Eugene mission, where Father Cronin and James Cronin were stopping. Both of the latter at once knew that the sample was that of rich galena ore, and lost no time in coming back with the Indian and staking the claims which are now the St. Eugene group. Father Cronin sold his interest to Finch and Campbell, of Spokane, for \$12,000 and Peter got \$300. The priest built a splendid church and made other improvements at the mission with his money, and the Indian built a substantial house for his family. Cronin developed the property and made a mine of it, and is now one of the wealthiest residents of Spokane. Peter is now 61 years old.

DEATH LIST MAY REACH 200,000

Reports From Italian Afflicted Districts Magnify Disaster

HORROR ON HORROR PILED

Cities of Messina and Reggio Blotted Out—Survivors Die in Misery

Rome, Dec. 30.—The details of one of the most appalling disasters in the history of the world are being unfolded in the despatches coming today from Calabria and Sicily. It is a story of indescribable horror and calamity. The earthquake of Monday morning wrought havoc and destruction that cannot be estimated. Italy is stunned. The country is crushed by a visitation described as the greatest disaster in the memory of man, yet the full measure of the catastrophe has not been taken. The calamity grows with the receipt of every fresh despatch from the south. Calabria is dotted with small towns and villages, and new localities are reported almost hourly casualty lists that run into hundreds of thousands. It is still impossible to reach any accurate estimate of the dead, but the total number is placed anywhere between 100,000 and 150,000. In some quarters it is declared that the final number will be as high as 200,000 victims.

Countless thousands of wounded persons, men, women and children, are dying today in the ruins. It is utterly impossible to succor them all. They cannot be reached before death puts an end to their misery. Numberless wounded of the survivors who have made their way to other cities are still without medical attention. The facilities for proper care, even in the cities that did not suffer, are inadequate. The devastated districts are still filled with half-demented survivors who cannot get away. They are naked and starving, and wander aimlessly in a downpour of rain. The ruins are still burning.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena arrived in Messina this morning. They both personally went to work to aid the wounded. Every possible thing is being done to forward the work of relief, but trains with supplies are halted long before they can reach the scene. Transportation by rail is impossible.

About 30,000 people, north of Reggio, is reported as annihilated. The entire population is said to have perished. A wandering survivor has raised a cross over the smouldering ruins of Bagnara. Reggio, a city of thirty thousand, has been practically demolished.
It is impossible to exaggerate the state of despair of the 30,000 Calabrians and Sicilians in Rome. Most of them have relatives in the stricken area. The telegraph offices are besieged by weeping women and children, demanding and beseeching and crying for information or the despatch of a message.
A telegram received here from Palmi says that the storm is bringing the greatest hardship to the survivors. The streets are described as filled with naked, hungry and helpless people. Shelter and food are imperative. The minister of telegraphs this morning received the first despatch direct from Messina, which comes from the operators sent there to establish telegraphic communication. It will be used by the Government exclusively.

Another Consul Killed.
Rome, Dec. 30.—Arthur Scheney, the American consul at Messina, and his wife, have not been heard from. There is every reason to believe that they have lost their lives.
Washington, Dec. 30.—A despatch received at the State Department today from American consul Male, at Malta, confirms the reported death of Consul Scheney and his wife at Messina. The bodies, the despatch says, have not been recovered.

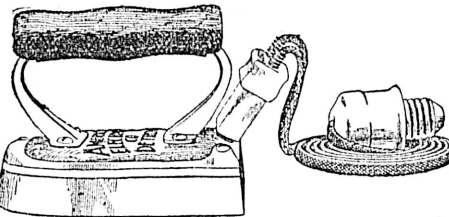
Wholly Obliterated.
Catanzaro, Calabria, Dec. 30.—No direct news has been received from Reggio, a city of 30,000 people, but everything goes to confirm the report that the city has been practically obliterated. The prefect of Reggio, Signor Orzolo, who was thought to have been killed, has reached a coast point in safety after 24 hours of fearful experience. He could hardly talk, but he said Reggio had been almost entirely devastated, that the dead ran into the thousands, and that the surrounding villages also have been destroyed. A laborer who escaped from Reggio relates that shortly before daybreak a deafening noise, like the roaring of a hundred cannon, was heard. This was followed by the subsidence of the entire lower part of the city. At the same time, the sea to an accompaniment of frightful roaring, swept over the waterfront. The cathedral, all the municipal buildings, the barracks and the fine palaces that lined the corso are now heaps of ruins. The agonized screams of the people could be heard above the crash of falling buildings.
The mayor of Seminara, a town of four thousand people, in the province of Calabria, telegraphed that the town has been practically destroyed. The survivors had already numbered 100 bodies. Reports from Pizzo, thirty miles west of here, declared that the death list in villages surrounding Pizzo reaches a total of 3,325. The survivors are camping in the open air despite the continual rain. Most of them are without clothing, and food is lacking. No one ventures to enter a home. A report received from Santa Eufemia, a town of 6,000 people, sixteen miles northeast of Reggio, declares that the dead there number 1,900. The houses that were not destroyed by the earthquake are now in flames. The people are begging for

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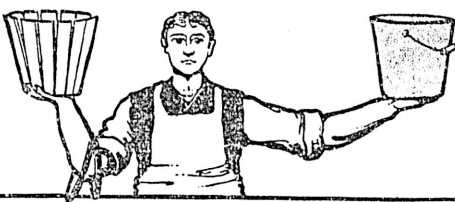
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CARIBOU HEADS COME FROM GRAHAM ISLAND

Curator Kermode Pronounces Them to Be a New Species

F. Kermode, the curator of the provincial museum, has received the hides, skulls and antlers of the caribou which were shot not long ago by Indians near Masset, Queen Charlotte Island, and pronounces them to be beyond all question a distinct species of caribou. They differ in many material respects from any species of caribou so far discovered, although it is probable that the differences are largely the result of excessive inbreeding.

The trophies received by Mr. Kermode consist of the hides of two bulls, and their skulls, and the hide of a cow. The horns and head of the latter animal, however, are lacking so it is of practically no value. Judging from the specimens received the Queen Charlotte caribou is a small species of the genus, the full grown animal probably not being larger than a mule deer and weighing about 250 pounds. The antlers present marked divergences from the ordinary type. The "ploughs" so familiar on caribou heads are absent, the antlers generally are much less palmed than usual, and there are very many fewer tines. In fact, the whole antler is smaller and less massive than on the mainland caribou. The hides are nearly white with only a little brown showing, which is also a result of excessive inbreeding.

One of the bulls is an old animal as his teeth show. The incisors are gone and the molars worn down. The other is younger and smaller and only boasts one antler. The missing antler has not been broken off, an examination of the skull revealing the fact that it never and one. This again is a result of excessive inbreeding, and the only hope of preventing the extinction of the band, which is now a small one, is the introduction of fresh blood from the mainland. Half a dozen young bull caribou from the mainland would, according to Curator Kermode, by introducing new strains of blood prevent the further degeneration and the ultimate extinction of the newly discovered species.

Long Suspected

The existence of caribou on Graham Island has long been suspected and as vehemently disputed, as the Indians knew nothing of any animals of the deer tribe on any of the islands of the group. Many years ago a specimen was brought down from Masset which is still in the provincial museum. It was said to have been shot in 1882 and was shown to Mr. Seton-Thompson. That eminent naturalist immediately got busy, and from the skull and one antler promulgated a description of a new species which he named Rangifer Dawsoni, after Dr. Dawson, the great geologist. This description is to be found in scientific works, but it was, of course, pure guess work, and now unfortunately turns out to be almost entirely wrong, especially as to the color of the hide, which Mr. Seton-Thompson said was mouse color. Like the smaller of the two specimens brought down yesterday, the head which he saw also had one antler.

However, no more were found, and in the absence of any proof that the solitary skull mentioned was actually shot in Masset, many authorities thought that the new species was prematurely announced, though Mr. Harrison, of Masset, has always maintained the fact and is now extremely anxious that the new caribou be named after him. Unfortunately it has already been baptised and it appears to be contrary to scientific precedent to repeat the process.

Two years ago Mr. Kermode asked the officers of the Shearwater to make some investigations in the vicinity which they agreed to do. They saw no caribou, but they did find some tracks and they brought back to the curator a shed antler which they picked up and some droppings. These presented clear proof that the animals did in point of fact exist, and this year Mr. Kermode made a trip north. Unfortunately he was unable to get a boat to take him across from Prince Rupert during the time at his disposal, and while he was waiting there the three specimens were shot. He intends to go up again this year and observe their habits.

The Smithsonian Institute of New York, hearing of the find, has been keeping the wires hot trying to secure a specimen. Those already obtained, however, will remain the property of the Province, and as an order-in-council has been passed prohibiting the caribou being shot, it is likely that the big New York institution will have to possess its soul in patience for some time.

Owing to a misunderstanding the trophies were delayed on route, and as the hides were badly skinned and treated it will be a difficult matter to stuff and mount them properly. Mr. Kermode, however, intends to see if this cannot be done.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Annual World-Wide Movement Commences Next Week

The annual week of prayer which was instituted by the Evangelical alliance in the year 1846 and has been since then regularly continued, is now open in this city on Sunday next, Jan. 3, and close on Friday, Jan. 8. Monday is set apart for thanksgiving for the blessings of the past, for the accumulation of testimony to the accuracy of the scriptures, etc., as well as for humiliation, on account of the materialism and worldliness in the churches, the weakening of religious life, the lack of zeal, low standards of holiness, want of love and lapses from the faith.

Tuesday, for prayer on behalf of the church universal, the one body whose head is Christ.

Wednesday, for prayer for all sovereigns and rulers that peace may prevail among the nations, that truth and righteousness shall govern civil, political and commercial life, that cruelty on the Congo, and the opium traffic in China shall cease, for purity in life, for judges, magistrates and legislators, for all journalists, for all soldiers, sailors, policemen and officials, for a vider and better observance of the Lord's day, for world-wide religious liberty, and for the advance of Protestantism.

Thursday, for foreign missions. Friday, for families, for educational establishments and for the young; while Saturday is reserved for home missions and for the Jews.

The subjects outlined for Saturday in the official notices, which have been received from the headquarters of the Evangelical alliance, at No. 12 Adam street, the Strand, London, Eng., will,

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however, be considered in this city upon Thursday next. These notices are signed by representatives of the alliance in less than one hundred different countries.

During the week the meetings will be held as follows:
From 3 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, and at 8 o'clock in the evening at Victoria hall, on Blanchard street.

The speakers will be Rev. Dr. Reid, on Monday afternoon, and Rev. W. Leslie Clay in the evening.

Rev. H. A. Carson, on Tuesday afternoon, and Rev. T. E. Holling in the evening.

Rev. J. McCoy on Wednesday afternoon, and Rev. G. W. Dean in the evening.

Rev. F. T. Tapscott on Thursday afternoon, and Rev. D. McCrae in the evening.

Rev. T. W. Gladstone on Friday afternoon, and Rev. Dr. Campbell in the evening.

The chairmen being: Monday, Rev. C. Burnett; Tuesday, Mr. R. S. Day; Wednesday, Mr. J. L. Beckwith, and Friday, Rev. A. J. Hays.

Collections to defray expenses will be taken up on Thursday afternoon and evening.

CLUB GAVE RECEPTION

University Women of the City Entertained Guests From Vancouver

Last evening at the Alexandra club the members of the University Women's club of Victoria, entertained members of the University Women's club of Vancouver and a number of guests from the city at a reception. The attendance was large, some one hundred being present, and the reception, which was one of the first entertainments given by the club, was a pronounced success in every particular.

The rooms of the Alexandra club were tastefully decorated for the occasion and an excellent musical programme was provided. The programme was presented from 8:30 to 10 o'clock and refreshments were served from this hour until 11.

The programme was as follows:
Song, Mr. Hicks; piano solo, Miss McCreary; song, Mr. A. E. Goward; song, Mrs. Sprague; song, Mr. Goss; piano solo, Miss Ohlson; song, Miss Cordella Grylls. Miss Grylls also acted as accompanist from Vancouver were: Mrs. J. W. LeB. Farris, president, University Women's Club of Vancouver; Miss Ross, Vancouver; Dr. Urquhart, chairman of the executive committee; Mrs. J. H. McGill, Miss Laverock, Miss McHugh, Miss Cumming, McQueen, Miss Matheson, Miss Beharrel, Miss Dallas, Miss Van Blarcom.

The members of the University Women's Club of Victoria are: Mrs. (Dr.) Young, president; Mrs. (Dr.) Watt, vice-president; Miss Cann, recording secretary; Miss Henry, corresponding secretary; Miss Lillian Smith, treasurer; Mrs. (Dr.) Hart, Mrs. W. E. Playfair, Mrs. Burris, Mrs. G. B. Lawry, Dr. Denovan, Mrs. E. C. Hayward, Mrs. Edw. S. Smith, Miss Fraser, Mrs. (Capt.) Clark, Dr. Ryan.

Ministers in Executive.

There was a full attendance of ministers at the meeting of the executive held yesterday, when a number of important matters were discussed. These, however, are not new appointments, but re-appointments rendered necessary by the separation of the portfolios of Lands and Works. Some of the proposed legislation to be introduced by the government at the next session was also discussed.

In the Police Court.

The only case in the police court yesterday was the adjourned summons against two dairymen for driving their cows to pasture along the city streets without a permit. City prosecutor Moore on behalf of the authorities said that the summons would be withdrawn and the permit issued on the understanding of the defendants that the cattle in future would be driven so as not to inflict damage, as it appeared that there was no other feasible route to the pasture. This was accepted on behalf of one defendant, and the other will be communicated with, H. D. Helmecken, K.C., and J. A. Alkman appear for the defence.

Tumbo Island Coal Mines.

The tug Shamrock, with Capt. Hare in command, towing a laden scow was despatched to the Tumbo Island coal mines yesterday by Wm. E. Blakemore, who is in charge of the operations there. The machinery, which includes a hoisting engine, boiler, steam pump, and lifting plant, test and so forth, was purchased from the Tye Copper Co., the mining supplies from E. G. Prior Limited. Robert Macdonald goes in charge of the crew of miners and accompanied the machinery. It is hoped that the machinery will be installed, and the shaft pumped out ready for further sinking, by the end of January.

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January Full Court.

The sitting of the full court will be resumed in Victoria on Monday, January 11. It is not expected, however, that the session will be a protracted one. The Full Court at Vancouver got through an immense amount of work and there are few appeals to be heard. The most important one left is that of the E. & N. vs. Fiddick, one of the Settlers Rights Cases. Argument in this appeal was started in Vancouver, and then the case was adjourned to permit counsel for the province time to look into the law on a novel point raised by Mr. Bodwell. It was to have been taken up at the end of the Vancouver sitting, but at the last moment was put over until January.

Christmas Tree at Mission.

The annual Christmas tree entertainment and the opening of the fine new building on Pandora avenue, which will henceforward be occupied for the purposes of the Japanese mission, took place last evening. Prizes and presents were distributed and short addresses were delivered by Mr. Quavadra, the chairman, Rev. S. J. Thompson, of the Centennial church, Rev. John Robson, the president of the B. C. Methodist conference, and Rev. John Robson, the president of the Japanese in their own language. A number of Japanese Christian boys and the children of the Chinese Rescue home, also took part in the entertainment. These new mission premises have cost about \$7,000.

Y.M.C.A. Christmas Tree

The Y. M. C. A. auditorium was crowded last evening with boy members, their parents, and their friends, upon the occasion of the Christmas celebration and Christmas tree, the first event of the kind in the annals of the association. An excellent programme was provided, piano solos being played by Mrs. Brace and Miss Wills, while Reggie McKeown gave a recitation. Every youthful member was presented a Y.M.C.A. badge, while every one in the audience received a package of candies. Coffee, tea and cake were served and a very pleasant evening was passed. Mr. Chas. Hopper played the part of Santa Claus. The attendance considerably exceeded the records of any previous Y.M.C.A. social gathering. Mr. R. C. Horn, the vice-president, presided, and welcomed the association's guests.

Work on Irrigation Ditch

Mr. E. B. Knight, of Vernon, the superintendent of the White River Valley Irrigation canal, is staying at the Dominion Hotel. He states that about sixteen miles of this extensive ditch have been constructed during the present season, making with the six miles of last year, some twenty-two while some twenty additional miles, including laterals, have yet to be dug. These works already supply water to the great Coldestream estate, which is owned principally by Lord Aberdeen and Buchanan, the wealthy distiller, and when it is completed, will irrigate the Greenhow and O'Keefe properties, and the Commonage in addition to a number of smaller places, making a total acreage of some 30,000 acres that will be directly benefited. This ditch will discharge its surplus waters into the Okanagan lake near the Okanagan landing, and in the near neighborhood of Vernon. The capitalization of the company approaches half a million. This ditch, perhaps the most important enterprise of this description which has yet been undertaken in this province, and will be of immense advantage to that important portion of the rich Okanagan valley.

ATTACHES REPORT ON CHINESE MANOEUVRES

Troops Efficient, But the Drill Proved No Real Test

Peking, Dec. 30.—The military attaches who were present at the recent manoeuvres in the Ngan-whel province have returned to Peking. The manoeuvres were on a smaller scale than in 1906, only 31,000 men being engaged, but were over more difficult, hilly country. The foreign guests were conveyed by special trains from Peking to Han-Kau, and provided with steamer accommodation to Ngan-king-pu, the provincial capital. Thence they proceeded by means of steam launches, house-boats, and horses to the seat of the manoeuvres, where an hotel had been specially erected for their reception. Similar hospitality was shown on the return journey. The manoeuvres, as on the two previous occasions, were set pieces carefully prepared beforehand, and were no real test of efficiency. There were no surprises, so-called, but there was no unimpaired. No one was put out of action, even when the troops were firing at each other point blank in the open and at close range; and no initiative was permitted to the officers on either side. Each side had captive balloons, made in Japan, with telefunken wireless telegraphy from Germany, and telephones.

The material of the troops, who were drawn from the Yangtze provinces, was excellent. Discipline was good. Still there was observable discrepancy in arms, one side having 57 millimetre, the other 75 millimetre Krupp guns, one side having Mausers, of the 1888 pattern, the other Chinese rifles of the 1897 pattern; and, further, one side having Maxim machine guns in Germany and Hotchkiss machine guns made in Japan, the other the Chinese machine guns of Denmark. No guns or arms of British origin were employed. This is due to German influence, exercised by German advisers under the ministry of war in the chief purchasing centres for arms at Tien-tsin, Shanghai, Nanking, and Han-Kau, still being powerful enough to exclude British competition. Since there are no car-tracks in this district, but only wheelbarrow paths and pony tracks, the Chinese authorities had specially prepared 140 miles of roadways for the manoeuvres.

On the return of the military attaches inspected Ngan-king-pu, the capital of Ngan-whel, during the progress of the manoeuvres, a body of cavalry and artillery, to the number of 800, multined on hearing the news of the deaths of the Emperor and Empress Dowager. As the multitudes lacked leadership and a definite plan, other than the desire of looting, and were at first only provided with blank ammunition, the disturbance was quickly suppressed. The attaches and missionaries give praise to Chu Chia-pao, the governor, for the energy with which he acted and prevented what might have become a serious outbreak. The governor is the pretige of Yuan Shih-kai.

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COLLISION RECALLS BARK IVERNA'S EXPERIENCE

Was Blown Off Columbia River and Revenue Cutters Sought Vainly for Her for Some Weeks

The British bark Iverna, which collided with the Australian steamer Advance and sunk her with all on board but her first officer, will be remembered by shipping men of the Pacific coast on account of her trying experiences off the North Pacific coast during the winter of 1906. Bound from Santa Rosalia to Portland the Iverna reported off the Columbia river bar and took a pilot on board. A storm blew her off to sea and for weeks no word was heard of her. It was feared she had met the same fate as the Andrea Bertha, and other ships which had been blown off from the Columbia river bar and never heard of again, one of them, the Cadzow Forest having taken a pilot, Capt. Corderon, on board.

In response to requests from chambers of commerce and others the United States government sent revenue cutters to search for her. Finally, after being 100 days or more at sea, the Iverna showed up at Astoria with her crew in a state of mutiny and provisions scarce. After this experience the Iverna sailed for South Africa with grain and made such a long passage that she was placed on the overdue list.

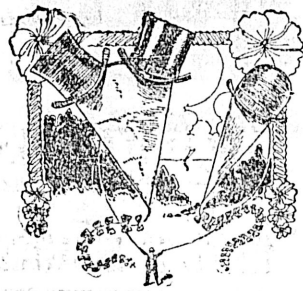
It is seldom that fatal accidents are received in playing association football. An instance of such an event, however, is furnished by a report from London, as follows: "At Leicester a coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death in the case of a youth of nineteen named Herbert Staples, who succumbed to meningitis after an injury received in a football match. Deceased headed the ball directly from a corner kick and immediately afterwards complained of a pain in the head. He continued to play but a few minutes afterwards took to his bed."

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WESTS WILL PLAY TWO ISLAND GAMES

V.W.A.A. Soccer Eleven Meets Nanaimo Tomorrow and Ladysmith on Saturday

The Victoria West soccer team will leave for Nanaimo tomorrow morning for the purpose of playing the Coal City second division team in the opening match of the Island league. They are taking a strong eleven away and are confident that they will be able to repeat their performances of the past two years, and not only win the forthcoming match, but also the series through with sufficient points to their credit to give them the championship.

On the day following the contest with Nanaimo, the Wests will meet Ladysmith's "B" aggregation in the second of the second division fixtures. This, also, they hope to capture without untoward difficulty.

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During the last two seasons the Wests have established an enviable record. They started their victorious career in connection with the series of 1906-07, winning the intermediate city league, the intermediate island series, and finally defeating the Malvern team for the British Columbia championship. In 1907-08 they duplicated their performance. At the beginning of this year's play their officials decided that they should enter senior company in the home competition and a glance at the present standing of the teams, showing them in the lead with a number of points to spare, proves that their judgment was not at fault. In view of these achievements they have the well-wishes of all Victoria sportsmen in their present and third attempt to land the island and the provincial honors.

The team which has been selected to represent Victoria West in the opening games, and which will board the E. & N. train tomorrow morning, follows: Goal, Beany; full backs, White and Prevost; half backs, Tait, Pettierew and Kinlock; forwards, Okell, Bailey, Sedger, Thomas and Buxton; reserve, Cowper.

DOUBLE HEADER FOR NORTH WARD LADS

Trio of Comparatively Poor Basketball Matches Played Last Night

Intermediate—North Ward beat Esquimalt. Score 27 to 7.

Junior—Shamrocks beat Esquimalt. Score 24 to 16.

North Ward beat James Bay. Score 24 to 16.

High School defaulted to V.W.A.A. Three league basketball matches, one intermediate and two junior, took place last evening. The fourth game that between the Victoria West, and High School Juniors in the former's hall, was defaulted by the students and, as a result the Wests go up a notch in their standing, without effort. There were no close games, victory in each instance being obtained by a decisive margin. A double-header was scored by the North Ward club, their intermediates outclassing the Wests and their juniors doing the same to the J.B.A.A. lads. Once again the Shamrocks youngsters proved able to more than cope with their opponents putting rings around the Esquimalt club's representatives, in a contest that was the most interesting of the night's fixtures.

TO PLAY NANAIMO

North Ward Football and Basketball Teams Leave on the Morning's Train

The North Ward junior association football team will leave tomorrow morning for Nanaimo where they will play the Coal City juniors in an Island League match in the afternoon. They are taking a strong eleven with them and are confident of carrying off the honors. The Wards will take the field as follows: Goal, Menzies; full-backs, Sweeney and McCarter; half-backs, Brown, Sedger and McDonald; forwards, Taylor, Tait, Brydel, Peden and McGregor.

In the evening the North Ward basketball team, which will accompany the soccer players to Nanaimo, will meet the home five in their hall. The young Victorians from the northern district are fast and adept in the popular indoor pastime and they, too, confidently look forward to a triumph. The personnel of their team follows: Messrs Menzies, Sweeney, McGregor, Brown and Brynjolfson.

PROPOSED TURBINE RAISES A DISCUSSION

Not Finally Decided Where the Puget Sound Navigation Co.'s Vessel Will Be Built

The decision of the Puget Sound Navigation company to build a turbine steamer for use in the Puget Sound trade, probably running to Victoria, has revived the discussion carried on as to the relative merits of the turbine and reciprocating engines. The Pacific Marine Review commenting upon the announcement that preparations were being made to build a turbine steamer of 21 knots an hour speed for the company running the opposition service to the C.P.R. goes into the question of turbines for fast passenger steamships, and says: "It is noted that the Parsons Steam Turbine, dating from the steamer 'King Edward,' built in 1901 for service on the Clyde, to the more recent 'Ben My Chree,' built in 1908 to the account of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, Limited, has made steady and constant progress as a form of propulsion for passenger steam packets of the first order engaged in the English Channel trades, where they are subject to service exigencies. We are informed that the company has not finally decided whether this vessel will be built on the United States or British register, having invited plans, specifications, and estimates according to general requirements both from domestic and foreign shipbuilders, but that it seeks if possible, to have same built at one of the two principal steel shipbuilding yards on the Pacific coast, preferably at Seattle, the home port.

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At this writing only very general reports are available, Manager Green informing us that the vessel is to be of first-class construction throughout at any reasonable cost, in length not to exceed 200 feet by more than is absolutely necessary to provide for accommodation of 1,500 passengers, propelling machinery and crew. While we do not present ourselves as experts in types and proportions of steamships we respectfully question if these requirements, especially speed requirements, can be met on a length of less than 250 feet. It is here noted that the "King Edward," speed on trial is 20.48 knots, is 250 feet by 20 feet and about 6 feet draft, I. H. P. estimated 3,500; average speed for season on daily run of 160 miles, 19 knots; coal consumption, including auxiliaries 1.5 pounds per I. H. P. The dimensions of the "Queen Alexandra" are 270 feet by 32 feet by 6.6 feet draft; I. H. P. 4,400; trial speed, 21.55 knots. Steamer "Queen" Southeastern & Chatham Railway, 310 feet by 40 feet by 25 feet depth; I. H. P. 8,000; speed on trial 21.73. The "Princess Elizabeth," in service between Dover and Ostend, 344 feet long, and Isle of Man steamer "Viking" 350 feet, each with a maximum speed of 25 knots.

The "Princess Victoria," owners the C. P. R., built in 1902, is 300 feet b.p. by 40 feet 6 inches by 17 feet 6 inches; speed on trial 20 knots, and the "Princess Charlotte," the latest addition to that company's fleet, now on a voyage to this coast, is 342 feet by 43.6 feet by 26 feet to shelter deck, speed on trial 20 knots, licensed capacity 1,500 passengers, represents, probably the limit in length that can be safely manoeuvred within Victoria inner harbor.

In regard to the frequent discussions as to the manoeuvring qualities of turbine steamers which has special application to the service under consideration, in view of short runs, frequent fogs, etc., we again rectify from paper, previously published by us, by the Hon. C. H. Parsons, read before a convention of Naval Architects at Bordeaux:

Actual Results

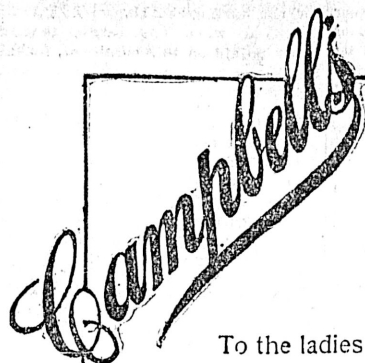
"The figures of actual results show that turbine ships are stopped from the moderate speeds ahead generally used in handling in practically the same, if not in less, time or distance than ordinary twin screw vessels of the same class, and from higher speeds in not very much greater time or distance. It may be questioned whether the necessity of bringing a ship to rest from a high speed in the shortest possible distance on a straight course is of common occurrence in actual sea-going experience. In all cases where we have been able to trace reliable data, the half-diameter of the turning circle, or the distance run in the direction of the original course before the ship's head, is turned through eight points of the compass, is less than the distance required to bring a ship to rest from a high speed, even with the engines continuing to drive ahead; and if they are slowed or stopped the circle is of less diameter.

"In 1877 a committee, consisting of Lord Kelvin, Mr. W. Froude, Mr. James Napier and Professor Osborne Reynolds, was appointed to study the behavior of screw steamers when reversing the engines, and it was demonstrated by their report that 'full speed astern' may often bring about a collision, whereas by steaming ahead and using the rudder it might be avoided. As an instance, the turret steamer "Viking" 350 feet b. p. and with a displacement of some 2,500 tons when steaming ahead at 20 knots was found to have a turning circle 1,475 feet in diameter, or about 4.2 lengths of the ship. Such a ship would require about two and one-half lengths to stop in when reversing the engines and maintaining the course. It is therefore, evident that the ship's head could be turned through 90 degrees by combined use of rudder and engines in much less distance than 2.5 lengths. The Calais and Dover steamers turn completely round and change from steeage headway to steeage sternway in under two minutes.

"In recent turbine installations the revolutions astern attained at the moment of stopping the headway have been from 65 to 80 per cent of full ahead revolutions in the case of ordinary three-shaft turbine steamers. Installations with four shafts have had astern turbines fitted in all shafts, the arrangements consisting of two turbines in series on each side of the vessel. The number of such installations is too small to enable us to make reliable comparisons as to results."

While it may finally be said that the steam turbine at present only shows greater efficiency than the reciprocating engine, at extreme and expensive speed, however, attained, the public popularity to steam turbine propelled vessels by reason of reduced vibration, compensates for turbine installations in services in the class now consideration.

It is estimated that a steam turbine vessel equal to the "King Edward" could be built in Great Britain for £35,000 sterling. We anticipate that it would cost 75 per cent more if built in the United States, but could



SALE

To the ladies of Victoria:—

Our January Sale will commence at 9 a. m. on Saturday, January second, when every garment in our showrooms will be tremendously reduced in price. You can easily save half your cost of dressing by purchasing at our sale—in addition, you have the satisfaction of knowing the goods are this season's highest class and most exclusive creations. For full particulars, see Friday's Colonist.

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engage in U. S. coasting service. It would be interesting to secure prices from the Nagasaki Shipbuilding and Engine Works, whereat the "Tenyo Maru" and "Chiyo Maru" were built.

GOING AFTER FURS

Seattle Shipping Man Proposes to Send Steam Schooner to the Arctic

A shipping man from Seattle representing Seattle and Portland capitalists has been inspecting the steam schooners laid up in Oakland creek with a view to chartering one for a voyage to the frozen north. The whaling fleet that went north last year was unable, on account of the ice, to go to the eastward after rounding Point Barrow. As a consequence, the furs usually collected by the whalers and brought here are still at the various trading

stations. Some of these stations are controlled by the San Francisco furmen who are also interested in the whalers. But whether the traders are subsidized or not none of those at inaccessible stations got rid of their skins last year. The Seattle and Portland speculators, knowing this, are said to have decided to go after the accumulation of furs and, incidentally, to look into the whaling situation on their own account. No choice is said to have been made of a vessel, but when it goes it will be equipped, it is said, with a full whaling outfit and in charge of an experienced whaler. The northern speculators are keeping their plans and identity as secret as possible, as the harvest they expect to gather is a rich one and the ship that gets there first is the one that will win the prize.

Eric Jensen, a sailor on the ill-fated steamer Gotama, which went ashore seven miles south of Westport Sunday, and who suffered the ordeal of facing death with his companions, was admitted to the Hoquiam General hospital suffering from a broken foot, the injury being received during the storm which wrecked the steamer. Jensen was one of the crew and while assisting in the work of keeping the vessel afloat, had occasion to go forward. While returning he was thrown against the side of the schooner and a large piece of wreckage hurled on his limbs. Although the injury was extremely painful, Jensen stuck to his post and assisted in keeping up the hopes with the rest of the crew, never complaining of his pain. When it became necessary to throw off a portion of the deckload, Jensen worked without a murmur alongside his companions and did his duty until the end, he being one of the last to leave the water-logged schooner.

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THE PRINCESS CHARLOTTE.

When the Princess Charlotte sailed into the harbor yesterday, a splendid ship arriving on schedule time after a voyage nearly the whole length of the two greatest oceans, this question formed itself in many minds and found expression from many lips: What does this mean? Spectators recalled the steamers, upon which Victoria had to depend only a few years ago, and the contrast between the magnificent sea-going ship which came gracefully to her moorings after her long course, and the craft which memory brought to mind did not fail to produce a profound impression. We repeat here the question, which so many asked yesterday: What does it mean? We already had under the Canadian Pacific house flag the Princess Beatrice, the Princess May, the Princess Royal and the Princess Victoria, and we thought that in the last-named the acme of passenger steamers had been reached. Now comes the greatest of them all, the Princess Charlotte, and we are told that the building of two new ships for the coast trade is proposed by the same company. Surely one's imagination must be indeed sluggish if these facts do not stir it with lively anticipations of progress in the immediate future. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company does not build a fleet of splendid passenger ships just to have them to look at. Corporations have no aesthetic tastes to gratify; they have the interests of shareholders to consider. They must bring to bear upon any policy which they may adopt the best business judgment, which their management is capable of exercising, and while those managers must to a certain extent discount the future and form their plans according as they judge the outlook justifies, we may feel very sure that they satisfy themselves that the element of chance exists only in a minimum degree in what they undertake. The Canadian Pacific occupies an exceptional position in this regard. It has made, and is making, very large investments in the area of which Victoria may be regarded as the centre. The purchase of the E. & N. Railway Company, the erection of the Empress hotel, the construction of spacious docks and warehouses, the extension of the Island railway, the clearing of land for settlement, the construction of a splendid fleet of steamers—in addition to the Princesses above-named we have the Princess Ena—all these things mean the expenditure of a great deal of money, and they form the part, apparently, of a great development project, the end of which is not in sight. Every additional investment by the company here is an incentive to the adoption by the management of an aggressive campaign, which will make the investments profitable. The Canadian Pacific simply cannot rest on its oars as far as Victoria and Vancouver Island are concerned. It has provided and is providing the facilities for a vast traffic; ordinary business sagacity will ensure that every possible effort will be made to provide traffic equal to those facilities. It has become the interest of every one connected with the great transcontinental railway to see that the most is made of the potentialities of Vancouver Island, and that this city in particular becomes rich and prosperous.

While speaking of the Princess Charlotte, it is impossible to avoid mentioning that there are other Richmonds in the field besides the great company, whose latest achievement gives the citizens of Victoria such profound satisfaction. Just across the harbor from where the newest Princess is lying is the water lot which the Grand Trunk Pacific company has acquired. The public has already been told in a semi-official way that this company is about to build two steamers to ply between his city and Prince Rupert, and it is not necessary to ask for confirmation of this report, because the Grand Trunk Pacific will hardly be content to depend upon their great rival for southern connections. It is an open secret that the Canadian Northern, which is developing great financial strength, has had its attention directed to Vancouver Island for a long time. Advances from various sources show that the long-deferred opening of the Olympic Peninsula is at hand. Three companies, the Union Pacific, the Northern Pacific and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, are headed towards Port Angeles, which lies just across the strait from Victoria, and nothing is more certain in a transportation way than that those roads will utilize the route via Victoria and the Island railway for the handling of the rapidly developing business of Alaska. We seem to be on the eve of great events in the way of material progress. The Pacific North-

west and all its vast possibilities have at last been fully recognized by the world. Especially has Vancouver Island been recognized. The work of making its potential greatness and its commanding position widely known has been long and has been attended with much discouragement; but a few people have persevered. They have never grown weary, although at times it may have seemed that results were too far away to make it worth while to strive to attain them. To this work the Colonist has contributed whatever it has been able to do, and it is with a high degree of pleasure that in the last day of the year 1908, it is able to congratulate its readers and the people generally upon the magnificent prospect that is opening before them.

ANNEXING THE YUKON.

Senator Macdonald favors us with a letter this morning in which he proposes that the Yukon Territory shall be annexed to British Columbia at the time the boundaries of Manitoba and Quebec are extended. If the provincial government is willing to take over the Yukon, we fancy that the Dominion government would be very glad to be relieved of it. The probability of the Yukon ever being erected into a separate province is exceedingly remote, and the difficulties attending its administration from Ottawa are, and must continue to be, very great. We do not know how the government and legislature of this province would regard the suggestion, although we assume that it would not be considered unless some allowance was made to meet the expense of administering it. As Senator Macdonald points out, there was a time when the administration of the Yukon paid, but it is not now paying and it is not very probable that the revenue will hereafter meet the expense. Of course, there are always chances of rich gold discoveries from which a large royalty might be derived, but no government would be expected to take these into consideration in making any such arrangement as the Senator suggests. In many respects it would be exceedingly advantageous to the Yukon to have its local affairs administered from Victoria instead of from Ottawa, and we can readily imagine that the Minister of the Interior would be very glad to be relieved of the responsibility attending the control of that far-off part of the Dominion. We give the suggestion what publicity we can in order that it may receive consideration. Our own views on the subject are undecided, except as to the general proposition. We would be disposed to favor the annexation of the Yukon to British Columbia if satisfactory terms can be arranged.

COMOX-ATLIN.

There is a report in circulation that Mr. Sloan, M.P. for Comox-Atlin may resign to give Mr. Templeman an opportunity to secure a seat in the House of Commons. We cannot, of course, undertake to speak with any authority on a matter of that kind, but such information as we have been able to obtain is to the effect that Mr. Templeman has been given a few days in which to find himself a constituency somewhere, and that if he is unable to do so before the middle of next month he will be called upon to vacate his department. Commenting upon the proposal that Mr. Sloan shall resign, the Nelson News says: "Comox-Atlin, if opened, should join Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Yale-Cariboo and Kootenay in sending a Conservative to Ottawa, even if Mr. Templeman is lost to B. C. To elect Mr. Templeman now would be taken to mean that British Columbians had changed their attitude towards Ottawa, and that is very far from being the case." We do not presume to dictate to the electors of Comox-Atlin, as to what they should do under any circumstances, but we are very strongly of the opinion that Mr. Templeman would not be allowed to secure that constituency unopposed. The verdict of the province at the last election was one of condemnation of the policy of the government as represented by Mr. Templeman. By this we mean that Mr. Templeman lost the province to the Liberals because of his attitude upon every question in which British Columbia had a special interest. Under the circumstances it would be unreasonable to expect him to be permitted to take a seat by acclamation. There are objections to such a course in his case that could not be urged against Messrs Sloan and Smith.

And now, to complete our happiness, let the C. P. R. give us those Atlantic Empresses.

With the Princess Charlotte safely in port, that anticipated rush of passenger traffic may start as soon as it likes.

The Toronto schools are going hereafter to spell honor, rigor, favor and such words with a "u." We suppose they will also put two g's in wagon.

There is much in the present outlook for railway construction on both sides of the border on the north Pacific coast of special interest to the people of Victoria and Vancouver Island.

A story comes from Phoenix that Mr. Duncan Ross, ex-M.P. for Yale-Cariboo, is to enter local journalism in one of the coast cities, and rumor adds that he hopes to acquire control of one of the existing newspapers.

The Ottawa Free Press quotes the Victoria Times in justification of its characterization of provincial politics in British Columbia. We accept its apology and wish it a very Happy New Year.

Some idea of the tremendous character of the forces of nature responsible for the earthquake shocks in Italy is conveyed when one learns that at many points on this continent, including Victoria, seismograph instruments recorded the tremors.

Nineteen hundred and eight has pretty well reached the "sear and yellow leaf" stage, but the old gentleman is evidently indisposed to yield the sceptre to his successor without a protest—as witness the terrible earthquake and fearful storms in Europe.

Castro says he only wants justice. This recalls the story of a disreputable fellow who was before a police magistrate and, when he came to be sentenced, advanced the same claim, but the court said: "I am very sorry that I cannot give you justice. The law does not empower me to sentence you to be hanged."

The "Open the Island Movement" is assuming gratifying proportions, and we have every confidence that as a result of the approaching convention some practical measures will be taken to accomplish the end in view. We are very glad to know that it is proposed to arrange something in the nature of a public reception for the visiting delegates.

The voters' lists for the Oak Bay municipality show a considerable growth in the population of that enterprising suburb. This is a very gratifying disclosure. We have every confidence that that admirable residential district will very shortly spring into even greater favor amongst those who are making homes on Vancouver Island.

Abel Ruef, the convicted San Francisco grafter, has been sentenced to fourteen years' imprisonment. As the people of the Bay City are thoroughly aroused and are in no mood for further trifling, there seems an excellent prospect that he will go to gaol for the term mentioned. Opinion will be general that the sentence is not a harsh one, all the circumstances being considered.

Mr. Mackenzie King took Christmas dinner with Lord Morley. The way in which this brilliant young Canadian is forging to the front as a public man is very gratifying to the whole of the people of the Dominion, who do not allow partisan prejudices to stifle their sense of pride in the achievements of one of their own "boys."

The approaching municipal campaign promises to furnish some amusing features, but we trust that the serious nature of the duty resting on the electorate will not for that reason be forgotten. Hereafter Victoria has accepted her responsibilities in this matter somewhat too lightly, with consequences not altogether satisfactory. Let us get down to business in 1909.

We had a despatch from Winnipeg yesterday announcing that 1909 is expected to be a record year in railway building in the province of Alberta. For reasons set forth in an article which we recently printed upon the subject, British Columbia might well consider whether these railway enterprises in the neighboring province might not ultimately become part of a system reaching to the coast under a joint policy in which the interests of British Columbia would be served.

The interesting announcement is made in an Ottawa dispatch that the Yellowhead Pass Coal and Railway company has given notice of an application to parliament for incorporation as a mining company, with the right to build 100 miles of railway from the Grand Trunk Pacific in Alberta, southwest to the headwaters of the Little Pembina river, and 25 miles from the Grand Trunk Pacific along the Embarras river toward the McLeod river.

In the last issue of the Census and Statistics Monthly, prepared by the Ottawa government, there is a statement by the commissioner of dairying and cold storage which is worthy of emphasis. "There is not a sound apple grown in Canada any year, and picked from the tree at the proper time," Mr. Ruddick says, "but could be delivered in Great Britain or the northwest in perfect condition if cold storage were intelligently applied in transferring it from the tree to the consumer."

According to a London cable, Mr. W. R. Trotter, representative of Canadian labor in Great Britain, has laid a statement before the union Congress in which he severely criticizes the immigration methods of the Salvation Army. We, of course, know nothing of what evidence Mr. Trotter may be able to submit in support of his position in this respect, but it is only fair to say that the experience of British Columbia with immigrants brought out under the auspices of the Army has been very satisfactory.

Collier's has a correspondent who says that war between the United States and Japan is inevitable. He says members of the Japanese nobility are serving in all sorts of humble occupations in the United States, and that as soon as war is declared these young men will proceed to blow up all the important railway bridges in the United States. The correspondent has kindly consented to postpone the war for two years. It is going to start over a demand by Japan for the Philippines. This subject seems to be in some danger of being worked to death.

Winnipeg papers which we have just received express keen regret at the departure from the Prairie capital of Mr. George McKenzie, who after many years of service with the Hudson Bay Company in the fur regions of Canada has determined to make Victoria his future home. What is Winnipeg's loss is our gain, and The Colonist therefore extends a cordial welcome to Mr. McKenzie and his family and trust that they may enjoy the charms of an environment unsurpassed in any part of the world.

That these be days when owing to the situation in Europe, the smallest trifle might prove the match to light a great conflagration, is well indicated by the following cable from Berlin: "It is understood that the huge fresco in the Reichstag showing the French flag down-trodden by the Prussian Uhlan at the Battle of Sedan, which was placed a few months ago above the Speaker's chair, is about to be removed out of consideration of the susceptibilities of the French people. The picture has recently been the subject of heated discussion in the French and German papers."

The New York Wall Street Journal has "thrown up its hands" and declared that Canada is today the best section of the American continent. After reciting that "the Canadian northwest is now drawing 100,000 of America's best farm population away to the virgin lands to the north," it continues: "However unpleasant these facts may be to an American, it is folly to blind one's self to the fact that the Canadian Northwest is destined to supply beef and pork, and cheese and butter, and bread to the world. It has the soil, the climate, and the cheap transportation, and it will have the people."

We are indebted to the Ottawa Journal for the information that the marine enquiry which has just terminated has proved to be the most extensive of the many government commissions. It exceeds by far the work of the insurance commission and was naturally entirely different in its character. The evidence will cover over 2,500 typewritten pages. The commission traveled 4,200 miles, examined over 275 witnesses, many of them twice, while the exhibits filed for reference total 595. So far as we have been able to ascertain, no steps have been taken to prohibit sending it through the mails, though it is conceivable that it might, if given general circulation, exercise the reverse of a salutary influence upon the youth of Canada.

British Columbia is apparently going to get a good advertisement as a result of the recent visit to the province of the Scottish Agricultural Commission, though their tour was rather more hurried than we would have liked. A London cable reads: "James Dunlop, member of the Scottish Agricultural commission which recently visited Canada, addressing a meeting of Scotch farmers, said that in the eastern Canadian farms he was struck by the superior accommodation and comfort of the dwelling houses and the greater convenience of their steadings compared with those of Ayrshire. Speaking generally the northwest of Manitoba was the best market, Saskatchewan the best land, Alberta the least rigorous winter and British Columbia the banner province for fruit growing."

There will apparently be some new phases in ocean traffic to and from Canada early during the year about to open. Mr. Sydney Smith, the New York agent for Thomas Cook and Sons, the tourist agents, paid a visit to Toronto a couple of weeks ago and gave out the information in a casual way that the company contemplated opening an office in Ottawa and one in Montreal and Winnipeg as well in the near future to look after the Canadian tourist trade. If this new move is made it will be done early in the coming year. The North German Lloyds, Holland American, Hamburg and White Star lines are the companies concerned and the proposal is to have one of the boats of each company to sail from Antwerp to Montreal. This would add a new weekly service to the continent, though it would only be a monthly one for each company, as four lines are contemplating the move.

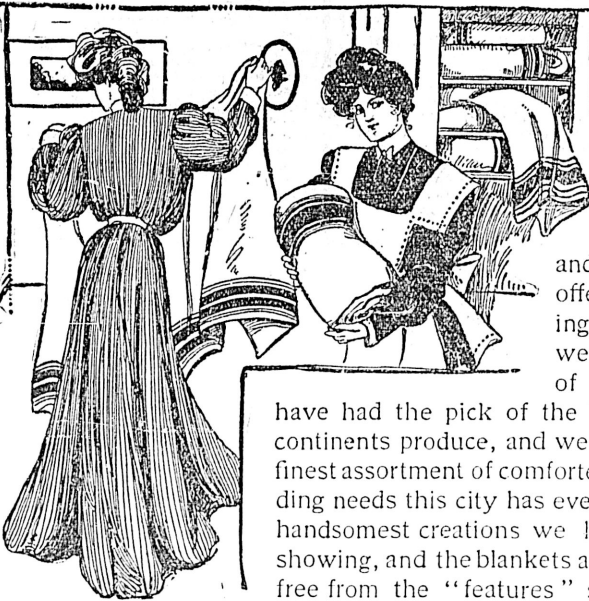
The calamity in Italy lacked in nothing that could add to its terrific character. The bald story as told in the despatches calls up pictures to the imagination which fortunately we cannot wholly grasp. Think of being awakened in the middle of a dark night with the house above you falling to pieces, to rush into the street and feel the ground writhing beneath your feet, to hear walls crashing to the earth, to feel a pitiless rain, and by the lurid light of burning buildings to see the sea come rolling in, carrying destruction on its waves. The wildest imaginings of poets never conjured up anything half as awful as this. The whole tale of disaster will never be told. It cannot be. How death came to tens of thousands must remain a secret, and the survivors must have been so stunned by the event as to be unable to recall anything but meagre details. It is probably no exaggeration to say that in all human annals there is no such accumulation of horrors.

A Hamilton constable hearing a mother tell her children when she paid a \$10 fine for her father that Santa Claus would not come this Christmas, reported to the magistrate, and His Worship remitted the fine.

The average yield of ginger in Jamaica is 2,000 pounds an acre.

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have had the pick of the best that the best makers of two continents produce, and we present for your inspection the finest assortment of comforters and blankets and kindred bedding needs this city has ever seen. The comforters are the handsomest creations we have ever had the pleasure of showing, and the blankets are great, large, liberal-sized sorts, free from the "features" so noticeable in cheaper kinds.

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We have lately added to our China store a splendid line of China Dinner Services, from the famous Carlsbad potteries. This is the renowned Kaiserin Maria Theresa China, and these handsome sets are a delight to the eye.

The decorations are beautiful and the ware is of superior quality—just as delightful to handle as to look upon. Come in and let us show you something unusual in dinnerware.

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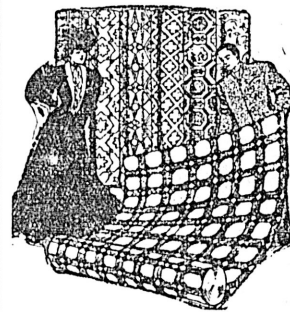
Here is news of a sale that will surely interest the women folk, and especially those who "keep house." We continue this morning a sale of all short-lengths in Art Cretonnes, Sateens, Chintzes, Denims, Silkolines, and similar materials

The greatest values Victorians have ever been offered are to be found in the drapery department on our second floor today. We want to dispose of every piece, and we have priced them so low you can hardly resist the temptation to beautify your home with some of these dainty materials.

Prices have been cut in two—values have been doubled. Materials are the very finest and the very latest Art Designs. No old and out of date designs, the only reason for the clearance being a desire to rid the stock of short-length pieces. These pieces measure from 3 yards to 10 yards each, and are suitable for a great variety of useful purposes, such as Curtains, Cushions, Box Covers, etc., etc.

Prices here would tell nothing—you must see the materials. We can only say that we have handsome materials, and still more handsome values. Come today, while the choice is best.

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The kitchen, in the majority of homes, is the most used room of all in the winter time. It is at least subjected to the hardest use for much of the mud and wet of the winter season is tramped across its floors and the keeping of this floor spic and span is a source of worry for the house-keeper.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

The conviction and sentence of well known labor leaders in the United States is naturally causing a great deal of comment in industrial circles everywhere. The Toronto News points out, in this connection, that "Don't Patronize" lists are published in Canada and Great Britain, as well as in the United States, and continues:

The following, for instance, is one that has been widely circulated by the International Union of United Brewery Workmen:

"We call your attention to the following non-union breweries of Ontario who refuse to sign agreements with our organization, and request you to take this also in consideration when purchasing beer.

("Signed, The International Union of United Brewery Workmen.")

Here is an English sample:

"The following firms refuse to recognize trade union conditions of labor, therefore closed to our members, and in the event of any manufactured goods being supplied by them being sent into any locality, information should at once be forwarded to the general office and to the secretaries of the towns where their business premises are situated.

("Signed) Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners." A list of 21 names follows.

In a recent issue the Standard of Empire gave some excellent advice to young emigrants seeking a foothold in any of the British colonies. We quote:

The broad overseas lands of the Empire deserve not the worst and weakest, but the best we can give them, in the shape of young manhood; the rewards they offer are worthy of the best. If a youngster of twenty may not wisely be given a stock-in-trade of a thousand pounds, without guidance or restraint, here among conditions with which he has always been familiar, what reason can there be for supposing that it is wise or safe to entrust him with the same amount in a new country, among strange conditions, where he will be free to do exactly as his most casual impulses direct? Finally, if success is to be obtained and trouble avoided, a young man who journeys overseas to make his fortune and carve out a career for himself must bear steadily in mind the fact that he goes to learn, not to instruct; to assimilate, not to impose; and to make himself a successful and creditable part of a new country, not to attempt the ridiculous task of making that new country fit his preconceived ideas and habits. Whether he be a son of a pauper or a millionaire, the only wise kind of beginning for a youngster in a new country is a couple of years of modest and observant wage-earning.

According to that excellent paper Horticulture, radical changes are necessary in the culture of apples on this continent, or the United States and Canada will be forced in a few years to import apples, instead of exporting them. This is such an amazing statement, and one of such interest to the farming community of this province, that we quote the article in its entirety:

If it had not been for the enormous crops in the orchards of the Pacific and northwestern states and provinces this year an apple famine would have resulted. Many of the middle western and eastern states reported small yields this season, due to failure in numerous instances, but generally because of pests. Orchards have been neglected, and in scores of places the trees have been permitted to die because of the lack of even ordinary attention. In 1896 the total product of the crop of the country was 69,076,000 barrels, or 177,675,000 bushels. Since then hundreds of thousands of acres have been added and methods of fruit growing have improved, yet the government reports show that the aggregate crop in all the states in the Union was not more than 25,000,000 barrels, or 62,500,000 bushels in 1908. There will always be markets for apples. There never can be an overproduction of first class stock. It is, in fact, impossible at the present time to produce the quantity of good apples requisite to meet the demand. This is evidenced by the fact that England, Germany, France, Denmark, Australia and the Orient are already drawing upon the orchards in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and British Columbia.

Most of us are on occasion inclined to say, more diplomatically perhaps than seriously, that "the farmer is the backbone of the country," but never was truer phrase coined, as the following from an Ottawa correspondent will demonstrate:

According to a statement issued today from the Census and Statistics Office an area of 27,505,663 acres of field crops has yielded a harvest which, computed at average market prices, has a value of \$432,533,933. Wheat and barley accounted for \$146,127,100 and in value \$209,070,000; hay and clover for \$210,800 acres have a value of \$121,884,000; rye, peas, buckwheat, mixed grains and flax, grown on 1,525,700 acres have a value of \$23,044,000; beans, potatoes, turnips and other roots, corn and sugar beets grown on 1,471,912 acres, have a value of \$78,535,000; Fall wheat, with a yield of 24.40 bushels per acre, shows a value of \$21.10; Spring wheat with 16 bushels, shows \$12.81. The total value of the wheat \$72,424,000 and in the rest of the Dominion \$18,801,000.

The value of all field crops in the various provinces is as follows:

Prince Edward Island	\$ 9,008,000
Nova Scotia	20,032,000
New Brunswick	28,042,000
Quebec	80,896,000
Ontario	185,308,000
Manitoba	66,660,000
Saskatchewan	37,614,000
Alberta	14,522,000

Insane People Deported.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—According to a statement of the Provincial Secretary's department, of eighteen people deported from asylums last month, one was admitted to the asylum less than a year after his arrival, six within two years and two within three years. Of this total two were in asylums before coming to Canada, six were acknowledged as mentally defective before sailing for this country, two were epileptics and were known to be such before coming here. With these exceptions, all the deported came from England. It is estimated that their deportation will result in the saving of \$75,000 to the province.

FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Thursday, December 31, 1868.

The splendid success which attended the theatrical performance and ball given on Tuesday night under the auspices of Admiral and Mrs. Hastings and the officers of H. M. squadron stationed at Esquimaux, must have been very gratifying to all concerned. The first piece offered was "Pipkin's Rustic Retreat" in the cast of which the following appeared: Mr. Brodie, Mr. Stock, Mr. Jamney, Lieut. Stopford, Mr. Berkeley, Mr. Walker. The "Steeples Chase" followed. The principal character, Mr. Titmuss, was taken by Mr. Dickson, a son of the world, renowned "Boz." At the close of the farce the actors were called before the curtain and loudly cheered. During the evening the fine band of H.M.S. Zealous performed several choice selections with taste and accuracy. From the theatre about two hundred guests repaired to Alhambra hall, where dancing was maintained for several hours. Admiral Hastings and Mrs. Hastings, Capt. Dawkins, Lieut. Brooke, and many other gentlemen connected with the squadron contributed to the comfort and enjoyment of the evening.

Horse race—Mr. Thomas Harris' "Royal Bill" and Smith's (Swan Lake) "John" will contest a race over the Beacon Hill course today at half-past one p.m., precisely.

The ball at Government House will take place this evening. A large number of invitations have been issued. On the 6th a Children's party will be given at Government House.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Lord Acton, diplomatist, linguist, lord-in-waiting to the King, and son of the very distinguished first peer, is thirty-eight years of age. He is a member of the family baronetcy (says the Evening Standard) is a Carolinian creation of 1641. Sir John, the sixth baronet, was in 1791 commander-in-chief of the land and sea forces of the Kingdom of Naples, as well as being prime minister. In the first year of the nineteenth century he married, with a papal dispensation, one of his nieces, who survived him twenty-one years, and died in 1872. Their first son, Sir Ferdinand, became Dalberg-Acton on his marriage with a daughter of the Duke of Dalberg, and his widow in 1842 married the second Earl Granville. The only son of Sir Ferdinand's marriage was made a peer; he married Countess Marie Arco Valley.

Great discoveries have often resulted in nothing important matters. A physiologist, we learn from a Paris contemporary, has observed that of all the liberal professions musicians are men with the most luxurious hair. From this he has come to the conclusion that frequent attendances at musical symphonies will cure even alopecia. This discovery will cheer the hearts of Americans, who, our contemporary tells us, as a rule lose their hair before the age of thirty. The physiologist in question does not rely entirely on music, but he insists on the abolition of the ordinary hair and the substitution of a high perforated canvas cap, which will enable the hair to benefit from the breezes.—Belfast Whig.

Lord Polwarth, a former representative peer of Scotland, Lord Lieutenant of Selkirkshire, and the owner of some eleven or twelve thousand acres, became, says the London Evening Standard, a seventy years old last week. One of his ancestors, the seventh baron, inherited the Hepburne estates from his great-grandmother, who was the second wife of a Walter Scott, a forebear of the novelist. This same Walter Scott (of Highchester) married in 1645, when he was fourteen years old, the eleven-year-old Mary, Countess of Euclench; she only lived two years, and sixteen years afterwards he married Helen Hepburne, of Humber, County Haddington. Lord Polwarth represents either three or four peerages, including the Earldom of Marchmont, the Barony of Hume, and the Barony of Hadden. He is also twenty-third in descent from Ulrich Fitz-Scott, the Knight of David I. of Scotland, and Chief of all the Scots.

There are ways of selling books in the Canadian Northwest, the Book Monthly points out, which we have not yet learned in this country. One way is to introduce a "soda fountain" into your bookshop, only this implies that you must have customers who care for soda water as a drink. Several western booksellers and stationers, we are told by a Canadian book trade paper, have installed fountains, with gratifying results. "There is really," we read further, "no more reason why a stationer should not operate a fountain than any other business man, and if it helps to sell goods in the store that is all that is necessary." Soda and literature, our contemporary thinks, do seem rather a new cry.—Belfast Whig.

Among the many stories told of the childhood of the late Queen Victoria there is one of a visit paid by her to Wentworth house, in Yorkshire. Whilst there the little Princess delighted in running about by herself in the gardens and shrubberies. One wet morning soon after her arrival the old gardener, who did not then know her by sight, saw her about to descend a treacherous bit of ground from the terrace, and called out "Be careful, miss, its slaps" (a Yorkshire word for "slippery"). The always-curious Princess, turning round her head, asked, "What's slaps?" and at the same instant her feet flew from under her, and down she came. The old gardener ran to pick her up, and said as he did so, "That's slaps, miss."

SAN FRANCISCO RELIEF

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—With a balance of \$397,267 on hand, the relief corporation, which had charge of the distribution of the fund donated to San Francisco during the time of the fire in 1906, will turn this money over to the various charitable organizations and go out of existence at the first of the year.

During its existence the corporation has provided and assisted about 8,000 homes in this city, or shelter for about 200,000 persons at a cost of about \$1,900,000. The relief home for aged and infirm was built at an expense of \$374,557 and presented to the city, and besides this large contribution by the society to many hospitals and other charities have materially aided in their re-habilitation, and are of a permanent benefit.

Of the vast sums of subscription money received, every cent is accounted for, and but \$908 is on the books of the relief corporation without the donors' names.

BRITISH OPINION

Standard of Empire.—While "Satan is finding mischief for our idle hands to do," and while the government and various municipalities are racking their brains to find a means of setting the unemployed to work on tasks which, in many cases, will be of no practical utility, there is much bona fide work slipping through our fingers which might go far to alleviate the genuine distress. The most striking case in point is the snuffing up of an order by the Germans for five zeppelins for the Russian Volunteer Fleet. This order had actually been placed with the Greenock and Grangemouth Dockward company when suddenly a German firm, whose original tender had been 10 per cent higher than that of the British firm who had secured the contract, lowered their price to the successful figure, and agreed if the purchaser would cancel his contract with the British firm, and place it with them, to ask for no payment whatever until the end of 1910. The amount involved was not an enormous sum. To be precise, it was £360,000 and at this price there would have been no profit worth considering to the British firm. It would, however, have meant bread and cheese to a very considerable number of families of the engineering artisan class in a part of Britain where this winter real distress from want of work will be at its worst. For this reason its loss is to be regretted. But the interesting and instructive element in this transaction is that Russia was induced to transfer this order at the last moment to Germany because of the very long credit offered. That credit was altogether unreasonable as between contractor and purchaser, and in Germany it is not the contractor who has to bear the brunt of it. The German Government came to his aid, and undertook to finance him during the long wait. There is no equivalent in England for this paternal Teutonic policy, and so our shipbuilders have to arrange the length of the credits they can give purely on the basis of what their working capital can afford. At the same time it is extremely to be regretted that, while we are wasting millions of pounds in trying to satisfy the loading and noisily professional "unemployed" by offering them work which they will not accept of jobs that can be of no public utility, we cannot see our way to assist our engineering and shipbuilding firms in their endeavor to keep their shops going for the benefit of the real working man, who is out of work, and whose By so doing there would be no drain upon the taxpayer, for the Government or municipality who chose to find the money in such transactions would run no risk. It would merely be lending money with full security, though without interest, and the work would be kept in the country. Surely such a policy would be infinitely more sound than throwing away millions on non-productive works.

The Daily News writes:—Despite the scenes at the Albert Hall, its main effect, to our thinking, is to add one more to the many impressive proofs that there is among women a demand for the vote. It is deplorable that so large a part of the proceedings should be given up to an angry struggle with the women of a militant organization. But the cleavage between the two sections means that some women consciously and sanely demand the vote as an item in their general political creed, while others have for the moment sunk every other object in this single demand for an elementary right. The explanation which Mr. Lloyd-George gave of the reasons for delaying the enfranchisement till the close of this parliament was as obviously sincere as it was reasonable. A Parliament which alters the whole basis of representation cannot continue to sit after the change has been consummated. We have no doubt that the methods which the Prime Minister proposes for so amending a Reform Bill as to include the enfranchisement of women conceals no afterthought, and might under normal party conditions prove effective. But it hardly takes account of the complexity of the controversy which now faces us. The humane principle of women's emancipation is no longer in any sense at issue. In both parties, and even in both Houses, it commands a majority. The enfranchisement of women in one way or another, by one party or the other, is as certain to come about within a few years as anything in English politics can be. What is really at stake is the extent and basis of this emancipation.

The Morning Post says:—The disturbing element in the region of the internal relations of Europe is certainly who has lately been talking freely to his friends about giving Serbia a lesson. This is the language of the wolf to the lamb. Serbia has never done any harm to Austria-Hungary, and has no grounds whatever for grudge against her. As regards Montenegro, there is also no excuse for Austro-Hungarian aggression. Austria-Hungary prevented Montenegro from receiving the territory granted to her by the Treaty of San Stefano, and prevented her by taking a part of the territory herself. According to the Austro-Hungarian policy, that policy will continue to be regarded with suspicion in all those countries where public opinion still attaches importance to the idea of freedom or national independence and to the sovereignty of nations. It does not follow that any nation will be able or willing to help the Serbians and Montenegrins against an Austro-Hungarian attack. British public opinion, for example, has too long been conscious of the influence of those who, having fancied that even in this world the right would take care of itself, and who were so sure of it that they would if they could have induced their countrymen to disarm. Recent events have opened men's eyes to the danger of an illusion of this kind.

If the disturbances at the Albert hall had been planned by the secret enemies of woman's suffrage (says the Standard) they would at least have been intelligible. For they have been undescribed and perhaps lasting discredit on the cause. Nor is it understood. We are of course aware that many serious and reputable ladies, who are working for the political enfranchisement of their sex, look with dislike upon the vulgar and rowdy tactics of a self-advertising minority. Nevertheless, they must suffer in public esteem since they have failed to give effect to their disapproval. If they do not find means to suppress the hoydens and termagants with whom they are associated they must put up with the odium. It cannot be forgotten that some advocates of their cause—there are a few honorable exceptions—have spoken with more than toleration of those noisy allies as self-sacrificing martyrs. When such phrases are used after full deliberation, the formal censure with which they may be combined is naturally taken as a mere lip service to decorum.

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The Daily Express says: We believe that the suffragists are doing much to destroy traditional respect for their sex. We believe that they are fanning the growing spirit of license and disorder that is causing the judicial and the patriotic much misgiving. Such a scene as that at the Albert hall is a national disaster. Are we to regard the woman who is anxious to become man's political equal as wildly hysterical and rowdy? If so, will not the hearts of men be steeled to resist her plea for enfranchisement? It must be confessed that, as far as Mr. Lloyd-George was able to speak, he was able to say nothing of any great importance. It is not certain that the opinion of the party will allow the government to continue long enough for the Reform bill to be introduced, and, moreover, a proposal radically to alter the character of the electorate would stand little chance of passing the Lords. The whole business is an obvious device for quietening the insistent, but is very thin.

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INDIAN CENTENARIAN

August, Who Was Born Early in the Last Century, Passes Away at North Vancouver

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Old August, whose age was in the vicinity of 100, died Tuesday at North Vancouver. He was buried this afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Catholic church in the pretty little mission village across the inlet. Rev. Father Peyton being the officiating clergyman.

August was probably the oldest Indian in British Columbia. His wife, wrinkled and worn, is still alive, and is only a few months younger than her husband. The old man had long since lost detailed track of his years. Curiously enough, he was born just where he died, but at a time when no one had yet dreamed of North Vancouver, or even a village on the city side of the inlet.

August remembered well going on hunting and fishing trips in the early part of last century, when, so far as he knew, there were no white people on the coast at all. He was at Nanaimo and Victoria when the first forts were established, but all through the century his headquarters had been at the native encampment across the inlet.

In Austria, prizes are offered to farmers to encourage them to recover waste lands, and lay them out as pasture.

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VENEZUELAN FIGHT

Twenty Killed and Fifty Wounded in Contest for Possession of Macuro, a Coast City

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 30.—There has been fighting at Macuro, on the Venezuelan coast, between adherents of former President Castro and the crew of a gunboat working in the interest of the new President, Juan Vicente Gomez. About twenty men were killed and some fifty wounded. The Gomez party was obliged to withdraw temporarily, but later it returned to resume the engagement.

The Miranda left La Cudra for Macuro with a number of officials on board, who were to take the places of officials there who had been serving under Castro. The Miranda arrived at Macuro yesterday morning. It was at once discovered that General Torres had gotten together about 500 men, and that he was prepared to resist a landing. The Miranda cleared and went into action. She made use of her batteries, and the men on board tried to effect a landing. In this they were not successful, the men of Torres succeeding in keeping them off. The fighting lasted about four hours.

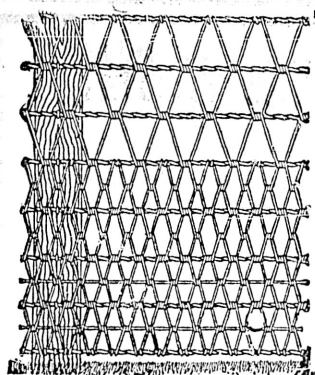
When the captain of the Miranda saw the situation was impossible he withdrew and came to Port of Spain, arriving late yesterday afternoon. A despatch was at once sent to President Gomez via Curacao, informing him of the matter. The Miranda then took on coal, as soon as this news became known in Port of Spain a large contingent of the Venezuelan colony volunteered to help the government, and the office of the Venezuelan consul was besieged by men anxious to return to Macuro and fight. A number of the volunteers were accepted and went aboard the gunboat, which at once started back for Macuro.

Gen. Torres arrived here at noon today from Macuro, in a small boat. He says the odds were against him

Royalet Defies Police

Paris, Dec. 30.—The investigation by the police into the Mattis incident (Mattis is the unemployed waiter who on Christmas day waylaid President Fallieres on the streets of Paris and made an attempt to pull his beard), has revealed Mattis' relation with the "yellow syndicate," a Royalist organization, and as a result the police yesterday sealed up the offices of the newspaper published by the organization with the intention of making a thorough search of the premises. The editor of the paper is Pierre Bietry, a deputy from Finistere. Last night he defied the orders of the police, and broke into his office. The matter of his arrest and prosecution is now being considered. Bietry is not protected by parliamentary immunity, the chamber being in recess.

The Hamburg Underwriters' union recently received a requisition from the chamber of commerce of Valparaiso, calling for a reduction of the premiums for insuring against theft of merchandise shipped for Chile, on the ground of the bad state of things formerly prevailing at the port of Valparaiso no longer existed. This request has not been fulfilled. The Underwriters' union replied that thieving is certainly not so rare in Valparaiso harbor as it was, but that owing to the fact that by reason of the unfavorable commercial conditions the goods traffic with Chile had fallen off considerably, so that there is just now no great accumulation of merchandise in the harbor and warehouses at Valparaiso. The risk shipment to that port, however, it is added, is still sufficiently heavy to justify the high premiums charged, and this condition of things will probably continue for at least another year.



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kets to Island Timber

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Barkley Sound Railway company,
which is seeking a charter both from
the local and the Dominion parlia-
ments, is one of immense importance
to Victoria, especially as the venture
appears to be backed by men who are
capable of carrying it through to a
successful conclusion. The money be-
hind the new road will be largely
American, and the project to the out-
sider appears to be a move in the great
war between the giant railway systems
of the States, who are struggling for
the control of the carrying trade of
the Pacific northwest and thence to
the Orient.

The international feature of the new
railway is the proposed ferry system
between Beecher Bay and Port An-
geles, which is an integral feature of
the scheme and renders necessary an
application to the parliament at Ot-
tawa. The straits are only about 9
or 10 miles wide at that point, and
except in unusually stormy weather
there will be no difficulty in operating
a ferry to co-operate with one or other
of the American transcontinental lines
which are understood to be making for
the strategic point on the Washing-
ton side of the straits. Beecher Bay
is a good harbor, and it is worth re-
mark that the E. & N. once had a
charter to build a branch line to
that point and thence to operate a
ferry to Port Angeles. This charter,
however, is understood to have elapsed
by effluxion of time. This Beecher
Bay-Port Angeles ferry was one of the
far-reaching plans for the develop-
ment of Vancouver Island which were
conceived by the late Robert Duns-
muir, but whose fruition was rendered
impossible by his untimely death.

The Route.

The route of the Victoria and Bar-
keley Sound railway has been roughly
mapped, sufficient exploration to de-
monstrate the feasibility of the route
in a general way having been done.
The work of actual survey, of course,
will not begin until the charter is
granted. The road is intended to start
from Victoria, but even on paper it so
far only extends to Esquimalt, as no
plans for the entry into Victoria have
as yet been considered. From Esqui-
malt, therefore, the road, as at present
planned, will begin. From there it
goes up the west coast of the island,
keeping for a considerable distance no
great way from the coast. It skirts
port San Juan, going close by its head,
and then as it approaches Nitinat
lake it makes a wide sweep inland,
crossing the head of that lake. From
there the road runs to the mouth of
the Sarita river, which empties into
the eastern channel of Barkley Sound.

Through-Fine Timber.

This route takes it through some of
the finest timber lands in the whole
of British Columbia, for the timber
on the island is admittedly the finest
on the coast, and much of the finest
on the island is to be found in the ter-
ritory tapped by the proposed line of
railway. The promoters expect the
line first to be largely a timber-
carrying road, but other resources will
at once be brought into being. There
are indications of good coal at several
points along the line, and at several,
notably Carmanah, development on a
large scale is contemplated in the near
future. Then there are a number of
considerable iron deposits in that sec-
tion, whose value is in many cases
somewhat speculative at present, but
in others iron ore in commercial quan-
tities is known to exist. Then there
are many promising mining prospects
upon which work will start as soon as
transportation is assured; there are
also fertile valleys suited for both
agriculture and horticulture and last
but not least there are a number of
valuable placer deposits. These last
are not sensational like the Klondike
diggings, but a number of dredging
leases have recently been acquired on
several of the rivers in the section,
upon which careful prospecting has
demonstrated that gold exists in pay-
able quantities.

Country Rough.

The country, however, is a rocky and
difficult one, and at present quite in-
accessible to any of the modern
timber cruiser and hunter. Its natural
resources are unquestionably great,
but it is one of those regions in which
transportation must precede settle-
ment and development, and thus it
has remained practically a terra incog-
nita to the general public. The whole
history of the development of the
west, however, is a proof that prop-
erly constructed and managed the rail-
road will not only pay dividends but
add enormously to the wealth of
southern Vancouver Island.

The men making the application for
the charter, which has been prepared
for the local house by Bernard &
Robertson and for the Dominion parlia-
ment by W. H. Langway, are William
Kyle Houston, Henry Humphrey
Jones and William E. Laird, of Vic-
toria; Charles L. Betterton, of Port
Renfrew and John M. Hawthorne, of
Seattle. Charles M. Shannon, a prom-
inent capitalist, of Los Angeles, is
also deeply interested in the scheme.

The promoters declare that the ne-
cessary money will be forthcoming as
soon as the charters are granted. The
original company is capitalized for the
nominal sum of \$1,500,000, but the
charter asked for confers powers to
issue securities of lines actually built
or contracted for to an amount not to
exceed \$50,000 per mile. This is the
figure granted to the Grand Trunk Pa-
cific in their Short Lines Bill which
empowers them to construct a line
through somewhat similar country
from, roughly speaking, Alberni to
Victoria. On this account it is ex-
pected that no objection will be made
to this figure, and need necessary as
the rugged character of many
sections of the line. The petition will
be presented by Ralph Smith, M.P.

Will Benefit Victoria

It does not need argument to show
what a vast benefit such a line would
be to Victoria, opening up as it would
a large extent of virgin territory tri-
butary exclusively to this city. It is
probable, however, that the American
capitalists who will put their money
into the scheme have wider views. The
road, as has been said, will at first be
primarily a timber route, and much of
the timber traversed is in American
hands. Now all the large American
investments in British Columbia tim-
ber have been made in view of one
thing. That is considering the dep-
letion of timber reserves in the States,
the duty of the future will have to go.
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immense market for British Columbia

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timber in the States, a market which
will extend to New York as soon as
the Panama canal is finished. In the
meantime there is a rapidly increasing
market in the southern and middle
western states to which at present the
timber of Vancouver island, save that
on its eastern coast, is denied access.
But a few days ago accounts of the
race on the part of two American
transcontinental lines to Port Angeles
was described in the Seattle press,
and the Victoria and Barkley Sound
railway looks like the needed connect-
ing link for this purpose. It is im-
material whether the money which will
build the road will, in the last analysis,
be provided by one of these competi-
tors, or whether it will remain in in-
dividual ownership and be operated in
unison with these by reason of traffic
agreements. In either event it will
give the Port Angeles road an entry
into the Vancouver island forests and
will ensure an immense amount of
castboard traffic for its line.

There is also another possibility.
The terminus on Barkley Sound is a
magnificent harbor, and the most
westerly one as yet contemplated by
any railway system. If the Oriental
trade develops, as most shrewd ob-
servers believe that it will, such a ter-
minus will be a most valuable ad-
vantage over transcontinental rivals.
Both for passengers and through
freight it will mean a saving of at
least a day over roads terminating in
Seattle or other sound ports, and will
enable its owners to compete on even
terms with the Grand Trunk at Prince
Rupert and the C.P.R. at Alberni. If
this is the real intention it would not
be surprising if lively opposition to
the charter developed itself at Otta-
wa. Victorians, however, will hope
that the charter will be granted, as no
matter what road does it, the railway
development of Vancouver island and
especially of the west coast involves
the commercial future of this city.

The King's Speech.

The Premier has decided to invite
L. W. Shattler, M.P.P., for Simlak-
men to move the reply to the address
from the throne. Frederick Davey,
M.P.P., for Victoria will be asked to
second it.

Company Incorporated

Kirk and company, limited, recently
organized to engage in the soda water
and ice manufacture, was yesterday
officially incorporated, and the fol-
lowing directors appointed: C. W. Kirk, Wil-
liam Mable and C. L. Kirk. The capi-
tal stock of the company is \$10,000.

Council and Water Rates

A special meeting of the city council
has been called for this afternoon at
4 o'clock for the purpose of discuss-
ing water rates. The recent schedule
compiled by the water commissioner
and revised by the finance commit-
tee of the council will come up for
consideration as it is desired that the new
rates to be levied should be decided
upon at as early a date as possible in
order that they can be brought into
effect as near the beginning of the new
year as possible. Other matters of
business will also be consid-
ered.

Cornell Ore for Tye Smelter

S. G. Faulkner, treasurer and pres-
ident of the Northern Texada Mines
limited, which owns the Cornell mine,
paid a flying visit to Victoria yester-
day, and was a guest at the Empress
hotel. He has decided to ship his ore
to the Tye smelter at Ladysmith, and
received yesterday the assay results of
the first shipment of ore from the re-
cent new discoveries. It is understood
that the first class ore netted over \$20
per ton after payment of all freight
and smelter charges, which is convinc-
ing proof of the value of the ore bod-
ies recently encountered.

Subscription List Total

The following additional subscrip-
tion have been received towards the
Ragged School Children's Christmas
dinner in London, Eng.: F. F. Hedges,
\$1; Friend, \$1; J. A. Thomson, \$2;
Johnnie, \$1; First Presbyterian Sun-
day school, \$13.10; A. Friend, \$4;
A. Friend, \$50; Rev. W. Baugh Allen, \$10;
A. J. T. Gallely, \$5; Nova Scotia, \$12;
The Victoria, \$2; Mrs. Roberts, \$12;
Friend, \$25; Spring Ridge Methodist
Sunday school, additional, 20c, and
Hanbury Bros., \$4.05, and with sub-
scriptions already acknowledged, \$472,
making a grand total of \$516.04. The
balance, less cable and some other ex-
penses, has been forwarded to Sir
John Kirk, but the sum of one hundred
guineas was, however, not quite real-
ized.

Thieves Were Busy

While the police now hold two in-
dividuals under suspicion of having
been the perpetrators of the theft at
the Prince saloon on Christmas morn-
ing when the safe was looted of the
sum of \$135, no definite charge against
the suspects has as yet been laid. The
crooked element in the city evi-
dently did its utmost to make a
haul during the excitement of the
Christmas season is indicated by the
fact that reports of three other rob-
beries have been made to the authori-
ties. Three houses, one on North Gov-
ernment street, one on Hillside ave-
nue, and the other on North Park
street were entered. In each case the
thief or thieves secured entrance to the
house while the occupants were down
town, and ransacked the drawers. The
amount of valuables secured was small
though in all three cases there were
valuable articles and jewellery which
were overlooked in the hasty search.
The burglaries were reported to the
police but no clue to the identity of
the thieves has been obtained as yet.

John Carruthers, a former chief con-
stable of Hamilton, has celebrated his
92nd birthday.

WARD THREE ELECTORS HEAR REPRESENTATIVES

Aldermen Fullerton and Gleason
Questioned on Matters
of Civic Interest

But a small number of Ward 3 rate-
payers were present at the meeting
held last evening in Oddfellows' Hall,
Spring Ridge, called in order that
Aldermen Fullerton and Gleason, the
aldermanic representatives of that sec-
tion, might give an account of their
stewardship during the past year. It
was an innovation in civic political
methods because of the fact that such
meetings have not hitherto been called
by the ratepayers. In addition to Ald-
ermen Fullerton and Gleason, Alder-
man Hall strayed from his own ward
to talk to the electors of ward three.

A. Sherk, who officiated as chairman,
read several questions which he stated
the electors of the ward desired the
speakers to touch upon, the garbage
question, day labor as compared with
contract labor; the poor condition of
the streets, and the need of some sys-
tem whereby the unimproved lands
could be taxed at a higher rate than
improved lands.
Alderman Gleason, as senior alder-
man for the ward, referred to the gen-
eral policy of last year's council, touch-
ing upon the amount of street sewer
and other civic works completed, point-
ed to the better system of electric
lighting and the increase of local im-
provement work in the ward. On the
matter of garbage he outlined the ar-
rangement made with Capt. Gardiner
for the disposal of the city's garbage,
claiming that by the agreement just
signed for a period of two years the
city will make a saving of \$1,343, while
an increase of fifty per cent in the
amount of garbage will be taken care
of. The city will pay out of general
revenue \$2,822, and with the amount
estimated as collectable by Capt. Gard-
ner on the tickets delivered with each
load of the wharf, \$1,191, the cost to
the city will be \$1,631. The present
system costs the city \$5,405, to say
nothing of the increased amount which
will be handled under the new arrange-
ment. It was true the city had not
called for tenders, but this had not
been done as the council was con-
vinced that no better arrangement
could be secured as no one else was in
a position to handle the contract satis-
factorily.

Favors Day Labor

This statement of Alderman Gleason
was contradicted by some of the audi-
ence, but he declared that the arrange-
ment was the right one. He stated that
he was in favor of day labor on civic
works, but if those owners affected by
any local improvement work desired it
to be done by contract labor he sup-
posed they would have the right to
have it so done. He touched on the
question of water rates. He thought
the rates imposed should be sufficiently
large to meet the cost of supplying it.
He defended the frontage tax of three
cents per foot, that amount to be used
for future betterments and extensions.
Questions to the cause of the im-
provement of the streets, the evident
lack of system in constructing public
works, the lack of proper supervision
of street work and many other mat-
ters of interest to the electors of the
ward were asked and discussed.

Alderman Fullerton stated that he
was not yet in possession of the data
on which the committee which drafted
the proposed new rates had acted. He
was not in favor of the frontage tax on
mains and believed that all the city
should charge was enough to cover the
actual cost to the city, the needs of
the future to be met by those who in
the near future will be benefited. Only
those properties which are unimproved
should be saddled with any frontage
rate.

On the garbage question he declared
himself in favor of calling for tenders,
and stated that he had opposed the
method adopted of awarding the con-
tract without first doing so. It would
be hard to say whether Capt. Gard-
ner's offer would be the cheapest, as
there would be no comparison without
tenders being called for. He was not
satisfied with the condition of the
streets, but he thought Alderman Gleason
was mistaken when the latter had
said that there were some of the city
workmen who were not doing a fair
day's work. He referred to the com-
plaints which had been made against
the city engineer, Mr. Roberts, declar-
ing that he would get after the de-
partment and see what is wrong. He
thought the street superintendent had
done good work, and that many of the
objections made against that official's
work were unfounded.

System a Mistake

Alderman Fullerton declared that the
present system of a streets, bridges and
sewers committee, consisting of the
whole council, is a mistake. Many
matters were discussed there which
should be talked over in public when
the press could be present and he be-
lieved the old system of having a small
committee was the better one.

Alderman Hall spoke briefly, touch-
ing on the garbage contract, which he
believed to be the best in the interests
of the city. He favored day labor
where possible, though in some cities
contract work has been found to be
satisfactory. As to water rates, he be-
lieved the rate now in force to be too
low and the city would not have to re-
them. If this were not done the city
would later have to make good the
deficiency. The rate proposed for a small
house will be about three cents per
day, an amount which he considered
would be found none too burdensome.

He felt that a special rate levied for
street purposes would meet the diffi-
culty, a theory experienced when the
street funds ran short. As it is now
the streets must take what is left after
other charges for civic administration
have been met.

Several other speakers addressed the
audience, and many questions were
asked, those present taking full ad-
vantage of securing information first
hand from the council representatives.

CARIBOO MURDER

Indian Killed in Drunken Row Among
Indians at Soda Creek

The provincial police authorities
have been advised of a murder com-
mitted on Monday evening at Soda
Creek, in the Cariboo country. Yes-
terday a telegram from Provincial
Constable Yolland, stationed at the
150 Mile House stated that in a fight
among drunken Indians at Soda Creek,
one of the party was so badly beaten
about the head that he was almost
instantly killed. His assailants were
arrested. An inquest held under the
direction of Constable Yolland who

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tin's, 1 lb. pkt. 15c
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tin 10c
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..... 25c
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sack\$1.75
ROLLED OATS—7 lb. paper
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WHEAT FLAKES—Five lbs.
for 25c
CREMO—Nice for Breakfast,
10 lb. sack 45c
JAM—Crosse & Blackwell's,
raspberry or strawberry, 7
lb. tin\$1.00
SHAKER SALT—3 pkgs. for 25c
WORCESTER SAUCE—Tra-
verser, 3 bots. for 25c
COCOA—Van Houten's—
1/4 lb. tin 25c
1/2 lb. tin 50c
1 lb. tin 90c
COCOA—Baker's, 1/2 lb. tin 30c
PICKLES—Traverser's English,
large, 18 oz. bottle 15c
HERRINGS—In tomato sauce
2 lb. tin for 25c
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New Year's Eve.

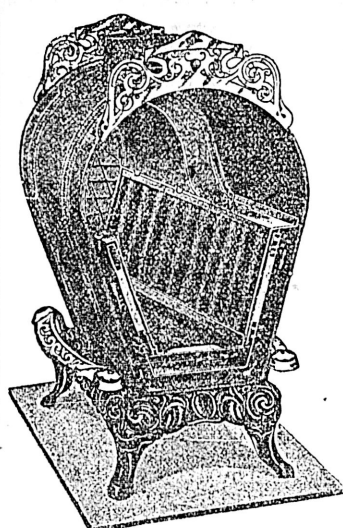
A large number of tables have been
already engaged at the Empress
for New Year's eve, when a special

supper at \$1 per head will be served
at 11 p.m., and followed by an im-
promptu dance into the early hours
of the morning. The management
has thought of an especially effective
display to see the old year out and the
new year in, and it is promised that
the dining room will present as mag-
nificent a spectacle as it did on the
occasion of the opening of the big
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In Woman's Realm

HERE AND THERE

Much space is often devoted in Women's periodicals to directions on how to act under certain circumstances and books on etiquette are published and studied by those who are not "to the manner born." While these have their uses, the following article on Gentilefolk from the New-Ark Monitor goes to the very root of the matter.

"Who does not admire a gentleman or a lady? They are well termed 'gentlefolk.' They are not the cowed folk or the showy folk. If they have money, the display of it would be vulgar. They are not conspicuous in dress or in appearance. They do not court the gaze of the public. We scarcely if ever read about them in the society columns. They are not chattering about reckless drives in automobiles or giving big dinners at fashionable hotels. When they do things they make no noise; the world is none the wiser. They patronize the opera, but do not exhibit themselves. They are never seen at the cheap and vulgar shows. The public does not notice them. They always seem to wear the same clothes. That is because they are well dressed. They are only particular about the quality and the fit. They never bend before the extravagances of fashion. Their taste in dress is typical of themselves. They are quiet, easy, simple and unobtrusive. They are not capricious. They have positive likes and dislikes. Solid and discerning, they are never fickle in their relationships. They are remarkably considerate and kind. The comfort and convenience of others are always matters of concern. They make no show of being polite. Their politeness is inbred, and the expression of it is the natural act. It extends itself to all alike; without distinction of age or rank or sex. It manifests itself at home particularly with the family. It is not on exhibition only outside among friends and acquaintances. The home life of gentilefolk is a beautiful object lesson. How they cling and are loyal to one another, father, mother, son and daughter! What respect and deference to their parents! What love and devotion among the sisters and brothers! What a welcome you receive from them! How pleasantly the evening passes! Not a jarring note! No unpleasantness! How attentive they are to you! How charitably and kindly they speak of others! You leave them the better for having been with them. You are glad to see them. They have studied them at close range, you discover the secret source whence the charm of it all comes a virtuous disposition, a habit of correct conduct founded on a basis of solid morality.

Such gentilefolk are never irreligious. On the contrary they are really religious. They do not merely attend the church, they live up to their church. They never lie, cheat, swindle, or tell a vulgar story. They are temperate in eating and drinking. They give good example. Society of every creed welcomes them with open arms. Their church is the gainer by the light that shines about them. People say of them, 'what a perfect gentleman he is; what a perfect lady she is.' That is the highest compliment the world can pay. To have that praise applied to you is a tribute to be proud of.

And what merited it? Was it your cleverness or your accomplishments? Your clothes or your money? Was it the dinner you gave or the good time you had at your expense? No! It was some little action or attention out of the ordinary. A kind or sympathetic word spoken at the right moment. The warmth of a greeting or the suggestion of pain at parting. The consideration shown for others. The total lack of selfishness. The tone and refinement of the conversation. The quiet and order of every arrangement. It all seemed so simple and easy. It was simple and easy and natural; but it took years and years of thoughtful care and attention to turn out the finished product. The admirable qualities of mind and heart that constitute the gentle character were welded together in the process of time in no haphazard manner. It was carefully nurtured and developed at home by a careful and watchful father and mother. The prestige of an honored name that must never be tarnished. The independence of fortune, always a powerful help when rightly used; the advantages of refinement and culture; education; those were but useful helps. They would have meant little or nothing had the solid foundation of virtues, founded on faith, been omitted or neglected.

The accomplishments and manners of the merely well-bred; the ease and pose and bearing; the glamour of their position; the power they wield the influence they have; the envy or admiration they excite; these may be all very desirable; "fortunate" they are called who occupy "the Seats of the Mighty." Are they ladies and gentlemen? Who knows? They may be only wearing the trappings.

The principals of the Victoria schools have done wisely in deciding not to present candidates for the entrance examination at Christmas. No good purpose is served by forcing children to cover the ground needed for the high school entrance in the short term beginning with September and ending early in December. For many years now the examinations for promotion in all grades below the entrance class have been abolished and if the pupils shall henceforth remain the full year in the principals' room they will be greatly benefited. In former years the Christmas class consisted, as a rule, of dull or lazy pupils who had failed at the midsummer examinations. If they were successful they were placed in a junior division of those classes formed the previous term of successful candidates. Their presence was an embarrassment to the teachers, who had not time to devote to them, and it has been very generally believed that they did very little real work till the beginning of the following term.

Most of us spend all we can get and make a virtue of doing so. We eat richer food, wear better clothes and live in finer houses than our parents and grand parents did. We earn much more money and if it is not sufficient for our wants we are tempted to make our expenses less but plan how we can gain more. Few young couples now would be content to begin where their fathers and mothers began thirty or forty years ago. This may be natural and it certainly is pleasant. But it is not good for the individual or for the community. If we look about us we will see that most of those who occupy good positions in any sphere are they who have worked hard and have lived carefully. If any one wishes to pursue a difficult and perhaps not very reasonable subject further the following short article from the Toronto News will furnish food for thought.

Just now a good deal of nonsense is being written about saving. In several recent articles the statement is made that if everybody practiced saving commerce would cease to a great extent, while to spend money freely would be a better off. But it is not so. No capital can be spent on productive works unless it is saved by somebody, and it is only money spent on productive work which causes the world to advance. The city council might spend \$100,000 this winter to hire men to walk all day around city hall square and next spring nobody would be any better off. But if it spent the \$100,000 to pay men to dig a trunk sewer then next spring the men would have had the employment, and the city would have so much of the sewer. When a workman puts \$10 into a bank he does not withdraw that money from circulation. On the contrary he puts it into the hands of a man who has entrusted his savings of a thousand other men, and who is thus enabled to lend \$10,000 to some industry that will give commerce a greater impetus than had each of the thousand laid out his \$10 never so wisely. The difference between North America and South America is largely the difference between people who save and people who spend all they earn.

Victoria has good reason to be proud of her charitable institutions. The buildings may not be so large and fine as those of other cities. But everywhere their affairs are administered with genuine kindness, too often absent from places which have become the refuge of the unfortunate. No one who saw the children at the Orphanage on Tuesday could help noticing the interest which every one connected with the Home manifested in the individual children. Not only the matron but all the members of the staff, as well as many of the visitors seemed to know each of the children, who, on their part, were perfectly unconstrained and happy. Every one who has had any experience with a large number of children of different ages knows that it requires much wisdom and tact to maintain discipline without coldness and severity. The character which the children of the Orphanage bear in the public schools, which they attend, shows that they are not spoiled and no better evidence of the kindness with which they are treated is needed than their happy faces.

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lowing term. To the unusually talented student the privilege of entering the High school at Christmas was an advantage but surely our system of education should be elastic enough to allow exceptional students to enter those classes for which they are fitted at any time without forcing the whole class to attempt to cover a course in so short a period. It may be that in a large city where there is a sufficient number of pupils to necessitate the employment of new teachers in the High school at Christmas change at Christmas will do less harm but even in such a case few who study a set of entrance examination papers and realize how much ground must be covered to answer, then well will believe that a class of some fifteen weeks. In the High schools the McGill and departmental examinations are held but once a year. In the public schools, with the exception of the entrance classes the same practice is generally adopted and there does not seem any good reason for subjecting the children to the strain and the department to the expense of the Christmas examinations.

In a speech which he made a few days ago in Seattle, the President of Cornell University, said: "Another educational reform which he hoped in universities was to have the freshmen and sophomores placed under the instruction of men who are good teachers and disciplinarians, rather than investigators and research workers. Good teaching and discipline have not been the uppermost features in our universities in the past, he said. The problem is not fit for freshmen and sophomore is not fit for freshmen and investigation. They should be put in charge of capable men who can handle them and are capable good old-fashioned teachers. The relation between the university student and his teacher is not as close as it ought." There is a man beside Dr. Schurman who believes that there is something wrong with a system which treats children as if they were men and women. The personal influence of the teacher in these days of graded common schools and of separate classes for each subject in the High school is not nearly so great as it used to be. When pupils spent many years with the same master.

Economy is an old fashioned virtue. Most of us spend all we can get and make a virtue of doing so. We eat richer food, wear better clothes and live in finer houses than our parents and grand parents did. We earn much more money and if it is not sufficient for our wants we are tempted to make our expenses less but plan how we can gain more. Few young couples now would be content to begin where their fathers and mothers began thirty or forty years ago. This may be natural and it certainly is pleasant. But it is not good for the individual or for the community. If we look about us we will see that most of those who occupy good positions in any sphere are they who have worked hard and have lived carefully. If any one wishes to pursue a difficult and perhaps not very reasonable subject further the following short article from the Toronto News will furnish food for thought.

Just now a good deal of nonsense is being written about saving. In several recent articles the statement is made that if everybody practiced saving commerce would cease to a great extent, while to spend money freely would be a better off. But it is not so. No capital can be spent on productive works unless it is saved by somebody, and it is only money spent on productive work which causes the world to advance. The city council might spend \$100,000 this winter to hire men to walk all day around city hall square and next spring nobody would be any better off. But if it spent the \$100,000 to pay men to dig a trunk sewer then next spring the men would have had the employment, and the city would have so much of the sewer. When a workman puts \$10 into a bank he does not withdraw that money from circulation. On the contrary he puts it into the hands of a man who has entrusted his savings of a thousand other men, and who is thus enabled to lend \$10,000 to some industry that will give commerce a greater impetus than had each of the thousand laid out his \$10 never so wisely. The difference between North America and South America is largely the difference between people who save and people who spend all they earn.

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Layer Cake

Cream together two-thirds of a cup of butter and two cups of sugar; add the beaten yolks of three eggs and one-half a cup of milk mixed with as much water; put this in gradually, alternating with three and a half cups of flour; then fold in the stiff whites of the eggs with two teaspoonsful of baking powder and a pinch of salt; flavor with vanilla. This is baked in three layers of the usual size or in two very thick ones.

Chocolate Cake

Make any layer cake, and to the batter add grated chocolate till it is a good brown; add more sugar if necessary; bake in two layers. Between them put a filling twice as thick as usual, nearly half an inch in depth, made in this way: Cover two table-spoonfuls of gelatine with cold water and set over the steam of the teakettle to dissolve. Boil two cups of sugar with eight table-spoonfuls of water till it will thread, pour over the melted gelatine, add a teaspoonful of vanilla, and in a hot room beat till it is thick, then stir in two table-spoonfuls of chopped crystallized fruits—cherries, green angelica, pineapple or others—and one table-spoonful of chopped nuts. This filling may also be used in a plain layer cake without chocolate.

Pistachio Cake

One of the most effective cakes for this time of year is a pistachio cake. For this bake three layers as before, in the middle one put, if you like, a very little green vegetable color before baking, or leave all three plain; flavor with a trifle of pistachio and a few drops of bitter almond. For the filling, which is the delicious part of this cake, boil two cups of sugar with one of water till it will make a thread; pour over the stiffly beaten white of three eggs and when cool flavor with pistachio and almond, and add two heaping table-spoonfuls of chopped pistachio nuts; beat till thick, and put between the layers. Cover either with a white icing or add a very little green color; when firm press all along the edge halves of pistachio nuts, and in the centre put a group of four or five large green leaves cut from citron.—Harper's Bazaar.

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The truth is, no universal rule can be laid down regarding diet. No two persons are constituted precisely alike. That dishes which agree with one person disagree with another. Even the tastes of the same person change from time to time in an inexplicable manner. The wisest plan, then, seems to be for every intelligent person to find out for himself what agrees with him best and so far as is feasible, to be a law unto himself. It is to be feared that the only ill which result from dietary mistakes do not come from overeating. There is a necessity for guarding against the excesses of abstinence as well.—New York Tribune.

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The usual mother's treatment of styes is as good as any—hot poultices—after it is quite certain that the sty has formed. But in the early stages especially when previous ones have taught us what is about to take place, cold compresses may serve to abort the petty trouble and prevent the formation of matter which takes place when the sty "ripens" or "comes to a head." A little cleansing of the edge of the affected lid is often of service in this early stage.

If cold applications are of no avail in preventing the further progress of the trouble, or they give rise to pain, they should be discontinued and hot compresses substituted in order to hasten the process and to encourage the formation of matter; then the sty will open and there will be relief from pain and swelling. The most cleanly and best is ordinary water kept as hot as the patient can possibly bear it. Such compresses are a little more trouble than the ones ordinarily em-

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ployed (slippery elm, flaxseed), because they are apt to cool quickly and have to be changed frequently. Little pieces of muslin, linen or flannel, folded three or four times, should be used; a layer of cotton wadding and then a piece of oiled silk should be spread over the compress, so as to retain the heat as long as possible.

It is well to pull out the affected lash and to open the sty as soon as the yellow appearance of its surface shows that matter has formed; a sharp needle, the point of which has been previously passed through the flame of a spirit lamp, so as to secure thorough disinfection, will be the best instrument which the mother can use for this purpose.

A succession of styes would indicate some constitutional disorder about which a physician should be consulted.

The Maze of Minos.

Every one acquainted with Greek mythology remembers how Theseus, the benefactor of prehistoric Greece, went over into Crete and with the aid of Ariadne and a ball of twine threaded his way into a labyrinth built for King Minos and killed the Minotaur, a portion of whose food consisted of Athenian maidens. The spectacle is now presented of the Cretans insisting upon being taken under the folds of the blue and white ensign of Greece, the country from which once the monarch of Central Crete exacted as indemnity the choicest specimens of human flesh that Athens could produce for the replenishment of the larder of the fierce man-bull.

Minos, according to Greek mythology, was the son of Zeus and Europa. The wife of Minos was Pasiphae, Ariadne being their daughter. Pasiphae gave birth to the Minotaur, a man-bull. This fabled monster was imprisoned in a labyrinth designed for Minos and built by Daedalus, a famed sculptor. The Minotaur lived upon human food. Minos, having conquered the Athenians, demanded a yearly tribute of seven youths and seven maidens to be served up to the Minotaur. Theseus, an Athenian, ranked next to Hercules among the Greek heroes, on one occasion was sent to Crete with the tribute. Ariadne fell in love with the youthful Theseus and assisted him, by means of a ball of twine, to enter the labyrinth safely. He slew the Minotaur and was enabled to escape again. This relieved the Athenians of the future payment of human tribute.

It is thought that this story, which may be of others' concern, could be traced to the old world place, and men and women are shown taking part in the sports, which, possibly, were connected with the worship of some cruel deity to whom human sacrifices were offered in this form. Perhaps this is the origin of the feeding of the Minotaur with human daunties.

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HOW NANAIMO BEAT LOCAL SOCCER TEAM

Detailed Description of Recent Pacific Coast League Match

The recent Pacific Coast league soccer match between Victoria and Nanaimo on the latter's grounds is described by the Free Press, of that city, as follows:

A good crowd, numbering about 500 people, attended the Pacific Coast league game on the cricket field between Nanaimo United and Victoria United. Strang, of Ladysmith, refereed the match and everybody got a good exhibition of football.

Nanaimo was severely handicapped in the fact that most of the players were playing in strange positions, but nevertheless they kept the ball after the first quarter of an hour in Victoria territory, and the wonder is they did not score more goals.

Early in the first half Victoria secured a penalty and made a hurtling shot for goal, but Walker made a sensational block and cleared what most certainly looked like a goal.

Two minutes before half time Victoria got on the aggressive securing a corner from which they scored the first goal.

On the change of positions, Victoria had to defend the muddy goal, and Lorimer, the big visiting fullback was as much at home in the mud as the proverbial pig on ice. Nanaimo in quick succession shot two goals and ten minutes later did the trick again.

Within fifteen minutes of full time, however, the visitors breached the furrow onslaught against their net and getting a shot put in an easy one on Walker which he failed to stop. Thus the score stood 2-3 in Nanaimo's favor until the end of the game, and the local team again emerge to the credit of themselves and their city, victorious.

Among the local lads Cruikshanks played the star game. Hurren proved himself as good a back as a forward, and is saying a great deal. Joe Blundell also played a good hard game. In fact all the players considering the fact that so many were in strange positions, played good football.

MADE TARGET OF PRIZE IRISH SETTER

Youth Shot R. R. Smith's Hunter Near Somenos Lake on Sunday

To witness a thoughtless youth, armed with a 22 rifle, take a pot shot at one's pet hunting dog, disciples of the chase will acknowledge, would be an aggravating predicament. And yet that is exactly the situation in which R. R. Smith, of Victoria West, found himself while trudging through the fields in the vicinity of Somenos Lake on Sunday. Some distance ahead of him was his prize Irish setter bitch, Nellie, industriously romping about in search of the elusive pheasant scent. Nearby were a couple of boys, one about seventeen and the other much younger. The former carried the rifle. On the impulse of the moment, apparently impelled by an irresistible desire to see whether his gun would kill or whether he could shoot straight, the youth fired at the bitch and the latter, shot through the lungs, dragged herself some distance away and laid down. Messrs. Smith and Tait, the latter being in company with the former, jumped the fence, one grabbing the now frightened boy and the other attending to the canine. The one who had done the shooting claimed that he had aimed at a chicken. However, he was taken to Dunsmuir and placed in charge of the authorities, who undertook to investigate. The setter was brought to the city and will probably recover. Mr. Smith is much incensed as Nellie is one of the finest Irish setter bitches on the coast. She won the open and winner classes at the last Victoria and Vancouver show and needs only two points to give her a championship.

Wesley Lattimer, of Belleville, is dead, aged 50. Sheriff D'Avignon, recently appointed for Essex, wants his predecessor's books audited.

Three days' canvass for the new Wolland hospital resulted in subscriptions for \$6,000.

Attell Knocks Out Mackay. New Orleans, Dec. 29.—Attell retained the featherweight championship by knocking out "Baz" Mackay in the eighth round tonight before the West Side Athletic club.

1909 Series. Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 29.—Though the 1909 schedule of the Northwestern league has not yet been definitely arranged some details have been decided on. Tacoma will open the season in Seattle April 17. Under this arrangement Portland will engage Spokane at Spokane in the opening series, while Vancouver will have an opening at home with Aberdeen as opponents.

George M. Schroeder, president of the Tacoma club, said this plan was suggested and approved in the meeting of the league directors a few weeks ago.

EDMONTON'S DEFEAT WAS A SURPRISE

Calculations of Victorians Interested in Stanley Cup Upset By Wanderers

To most of those Victorians who are interested in the effort being made by the Edmonton hockey team to bring west the Stanley cup the result of the first match with the Wanderers, of Montreal, the present champions, was a surprise. That the much vaunted experts from Alberta, players of wide reputation assembled from different points should go down to defeat, seriously upset the calculations of those who fancied that they had the situation sized up and that there was nothing to it but a journey for the old power mug to the prairie. The victory of the Wanderers, and the report of their superiority especially in the second half dampened confidence in the outcome.

The majority of Victorians who have been following recent Stanley cup events, and in fact all residents of the Pacific coast in touch with the sport, would like to see the cup change hands and travel in the same direction as the Monte silverware, now in possession of the New Westminster lacrosse club, the champions of the Dominion.

The Cup's Record. The record of the Stanley cup is of peculiar interest at this time. Here it is in tabular form.

1893—Montreal hockey club.
1894—No match.
1895—Montreal Victorias.
1896—Victorias, of Winnipeg, beat Montreal Victorias; Victorias of Montreal beat Victorias of Winnipeg.
1897—Victorias of Montreal beat Capitals of Ottawa.
1898—No match.
1899—Victorias of Montreal beat Victorias of Winnipeg.
1900—Feb., Shamrocks of Montreal beat Victorias of Winnipeg; March, Shamrocks of Montreal beat Crescents of Halifax.

1901—Victorias of Montreal beat Shamrocks of Montreal.
1902—January, Victorias of Winnipeg beat Shamrocks of Toronto; March, Montreal Hockey club beat the Victorias of Winnipeg.
1903—January, Montreal beat Rat Portage; March, Ottawa beat Winnipeg Rowing club.
1904—February, Ottawa beat Marlboroughs of Toronto; March, Ottawa beat Wanderers of Montreal; March, Ottawa beat Edmonton.

1905—January, Ottawa beat Yukon; March, Ottawa beat Rat Portage; April, Ottawa beat Queen's; March, Wanderers of Montreal beat Ottawa; December, Wanderers beat New Glasgow.

1907—January, Kenora beat Wanderers; March, Wanderers beat Kenora.
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1930—January, Wanderers beat Victorias of Ottawa; March, Wanderers beat Maple Leafs of Winnipeg; March, Wanderers beat Toronto.

1931—January, Wanderers beat Victorias of Ottawa; March, Wanderers beat Maple Leafs of Winnipeg; March, Wanderers beat Toronto.

1932—January, Wanderers beat Victorias of Ottawa; March, Wanderers beat Maple Leafs of Winnipeg; March, Wanderers beat Toronto.

1933—January, Wanderers beat Victorias of Ottawa; March, Wanderers beat Maple Leafs of Winnipeg; March, Wanderers beat Toronto.

1934—January, Wanderers beat Victorias of Ottawa; March, Wanderers beat Maple Leafs of Winnipeg; March, Wanderers beat Toronto.

1935—January, Wanderers beat Victorias of Ottawa; March, Wanderers beat Maple Leafs of Winnipeg; March, Wanderers beat Toronto.

CANADIAN CURLERS CHOSEN FOR TOUR

List of Players Who Will Tour Scotland Next Month

Among the representative Canadian curlers who are touring Scotland this month are the following:
Princes of Ontario—Col. Robert MacKenzie, Samuel J. L. Neillands, Barrie, Alex. Logan, Parry Sound; J. T. Hamilton, Fergus; R. M. Waddell, Peterboro; D. W. Lennox, Chatham; R. L. Patterson, Toronto; Randolph Macdonald, Toronto; Simpson Rennie, Toronto; R. S. Strach, Toronto.
Quebec and Maritime provinces—D. McGill, Montreal Club; Major W. O. H. Dods, Montreal; H. G. Wills, Thistle Club, Montreal; J. H. Hutchison, Caledonia Club, Montreal; D. A. Bethune, St. Andrew's Club, Montreal; P. S. Stocking, Quebec Club; James Stewart, Pembroke Club; Alec MacAuley, Thistle Club, St. John, N. B.

Manitoba and the West—W. L. Parish, Winnipeg; J. C. McLean, Pilot Mount, Man.; Harry Hurdon, Duluth; Chas. W. McPherson, Dawson, Ym. Robertson, Kenora; Alex. Fowler, Beldur; Adam S. Ross, Regina; J. P. Robertson, Winnipeg; Dr. Harrington, Dauphin; Donald McMillan, Butte, Montana.

OPINIONS OF EXPERTS BEFORE THE FIGHT

Showing Relative Value of Pugnistic Authorities As Prophets

In view of the number of prominent pugilists who, since the announcement of Johnson's victory over Burns, have declared that they knew the "Canadian" had no chance, it is interesting to refer to a few of the opinions expressed previous to the encounter. For instance a more guarded statement than that springing from the pen of James J. Corbett and published in the Chicago Tribune a few days before the fight would be hard to imagine. He said: "I have seen both Burns and Johnson work several times and am ready to declare myself now that the outcome will depend almost entirely upon the method adopted by Tommy Burns after he steps into the ring. If the Canadian is to beat the Negro in a glove and take on counter he might win. But if he goes into the battle determined to wait until the opportunity presents itself he is liable to slip."

Again take James J. Jeffries' words: Tommy Burns' scheduled Australian battle with big black Jack Johnson will be the first real fight that the present heavyweight champion has had in many a long month. It will be practically the only time that Tommy has been called upon to extend himself since he has been recognized as the heavyweight champion of the world.

Other authorities ventured prophesies as follows: Thackeray said Johnson will win the fight because he is 25 pounds heavier than Burns, is also five inches taller and is the cleverest big man in the world.

The Sallor did not think Burns could stand punishment delivered at long range, and said Johnson would do most of the job with his hard, straight left-handers.

Jem Mace picked Burns to win on his wonderful left fighting ability. Bob Fitzsimmons said Johnson would win, because he is a bigger and cleverer fighter every way.

Jim Flynn said Johnson can't lose. John L. Sullivan looked for Burns to score a knockout.

Jack O'Brien said that Burns would win, and Marvin Hart agreed with him. Sam Langford called Burns.

Jeffries Says "No." Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—"There will be no fight between Jack Johnson and my former Heavyweight Champion James J. Jeffries to a representative of the Associated Press in this city tonight when he was told that Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter, was going to offer \$50,000 for a fight between himself and the new champion.

"I don't want the money," he said, "I am out of the game, and the public might as well understand it. I fought my last fight some time ago and no amount of money nor any inducement anybody could hold out would get me into the ring again."

There was no hesitation or equivocation about Jeffries' answers to the questions put to him. He said that he was annoyed by persistent attempts to get him to agree to fight again and that he would like to have it made positive that there is no way in which he can be induced to fight Johnson or anybody else.

Jeffries is very fat and entirely out of condition, and it is thought by those who associate in this city who ought to know that he never could get into condition to enter the ring, even if he had the inclination to do so.

FRENZIED FINANCE IN SOCCER CIRCLES

District League After Funds to Send Team to Seattle on Saturday

No action was taken by the Victoria District Association Football league at the meeting held last night, towards the raising of funds for the payment of the transportation expenses to Seattle of the representative home aggregation. Only Secretary Beane and one or two other club representatives were present. They discussed informally the prospect of being able to so arrange matters that Victoria may be able to win the Pacific Coast league date at Seattle, but were unable to devise ways and means and so allowed the question to remain in abeyance.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

Results of Association Football League Matches—Cardiff Rugger Beaten Australia

London, Eng., Dec. 29.—The results of today's football matches are as follows:
First Division: Sheffield Wednesday, 6; Woolwich Arsenal, 2; Manchester City, 2; Notts Forest, 0.
Second Division: Derby County, 3; Bradford, 1; Birmingham and West Bromwich Albion, a draw; Gainsborough, 3; Glossop, 1; Wolverhampton Wanderers, 1; Tottenham Hotspurs, 0.
Southern League: Bristol Rovers, 4; Westham United, 0; Coventry, 2; Brighton, 0; Crystal Palace, 3; Southend, 2; Millwall, 3; Brentford, 2; New Brompton, 4; Luton, 1; Northampton, 7; Swindon, 0; Portsmouth, 1; Exeter, 0.

Australians Beaten. In Rugby, Cardiff defeated the Australians by 24 points to 8.

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to the closeness of the finish, great interest is being manifested in the next fixture by enthusiasts, and it is probable that it will draw a record crowd.

VICTORIA RUGGERS TO PLAY NANAIMO

Fast Exhibition Looked for When Two Island Teams Meet Here Tomorrow

Victoria's rugby team will line up against Nanaimo at the Oak Bay grounds tomorrow afternoon. The latter are said to be strong, although they haven't been heard from for months. Quietly, according to reports, they have been practicing under the direction of capable coaches so that the locals are expecting a struggle that will test the strength of every division and give the old formation, to which the association has reverted, a thorough test. The personnel of the home team was published in these columns yesterday and they will line up in the same order as indicated. There will be a pack of eight and no five-eighths. Members of the selection committee will be among the spectators and if they consider that the Victoria lads play better under the old rules the same will be adopted in the forthcoming McKeechle cup match against Vancouver.

SWORDSMAN ISSUES AN OPEN CHALLENGE

Captain Duncan Ross, an All-Round Athlete of Repute, Wants Match

Capt. Duncan Ross, who claims to be champion mounted swordsman of the world, and is a wrestler of more than ordinary ability, wants to meet any Victorian in either of these sports, who would care for a match. The captain, although 63 years of age, is active and keen. Arriving from Seattle yesterday afternoon, where he has been endeavoring without avail, to arrange a bout with Dr. Rollier, he hastened to the Colonist in order that his deed might be placed before the public without delay.

As a swordsman Capt. Ross acknowledges no peer. He has been in many hard-fought battles. He won his title years ago and since his right to it has been undisputed. If there are experts residing here who would care to try conclusions with the visitor, either mounted or on foot, he is quite willing to grant them their desire. But the captain doesn't confine himself to the sword. He is ready to enter the wrestling game, believing that he is able to give the best of Victoria's mat artists more than they can handle in the Irish style. This method provided that when a man loses his feet, he is tallied against him.

Ross won the championship of the world in 1883 in mixed style wrestling when he defeated H. M. Dufur in three straight falls, at collar-and-elbow, side hold and catch-as-catch-can. However, he has abandoned these systems, being of the opinion that Paddy's style makes the cleanest and swiftest exhibition and, besides, is the best test of a man's strength and ability.

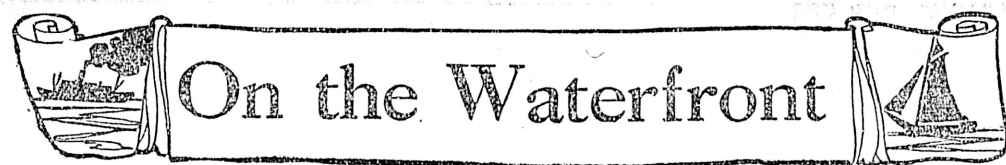
Capt. Ross intends remaining in the city some days and may be communicated with through the Colonist. He states that he may establish a school here.

"I realize that I have fought many and many a hard battle for my honors, took more thumpings than ever any man did in the world to gain a title, and I deserve a rest. I've made a lot of money out of the game, but I earned every penny of it honestly."

"Now, this final battle which I intend to go into is for the four men who are clamoring for a chance at me, and I believe them to be the foremost lightweights in the world. They are Murphy, Thompson, McFarlane and Welsh. This is what they will have to do. Say Murphy and Thompson are matched. They must go 45 rounds. There must be no room for any argument as to who is the better man. McFarlane and Welsh must go through the same process. Forty-five rounds, mind you. There must not be a hitch there, either. Then the winner of the first bout will have to go 45 rounds with the winner of the last. "Then I will meet the winner, and not till then will I pay the least attention to these fellows. I believe the public will by that time be satisfied that the winner of these bouts will be a pretty fair sort of fighter, and he is bound to be the drawing card. I will give my word and I stand ready to make good. It will be my final fight. I've made all that I care to in the fight game. I will make plenty of money on the stage, and it will be much easier work than training and fighting. "After I have left the fighting game, which I have followed in a clean, honest way, I will lead the same sort of existence as an ordinary citizen."

The 100 yards in 9 and 2-5 seconds! That is the record established by R. E. Walker, the South African. Not many months ago authorities expressed the opinion that such a mark would never be attained.

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NEW PRINCESS REACHES PORT

Latest Addition to C.P.R. Fleet
Completed Voyage From
Glasgow Yesterday

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The Charlotte a Sea-Going
Liner With No Peer in Pa-
cific Waters

The steamer Princess Charlotte arrived in port yesterday morning from the yards of the builders at Govan, Scotland, and her arrival marked an epoch in the history of the local shipping trade. With the plate-glass windows of her observation room boarded with a barricade, her open side astern at the diningroom barricaded, this being removed soon after the steamer reached port, the Princess Charlotte came from the Clyde in 53 days, running at an economic speed of 13 knots. Calls were made at Tenerife, Montevideo, Coronal and Callao for coal. The voyage was not marked by much incident. Two strong gales were encountered, one when nearing Montevideo, the other when passing into the Pacific from the Strait of Magellan, and in these, one attended by choppy confused seas, the other by long Cape Horn seas, the steamer proved her excellent sea-going qualities. The barricading was not needed. No seas came on board. The liner rode like a duck. The Princess Charlotte differs much in appearance from the Princess Victoria. She suggests the Islander, looked at by the bow. She is superior to the fine Princess Victoria, which after being the peer of interport passenger steamers in the Pacific for five years must now give way to her younger and better-dowered sister. The reciprocating engines are of similar type, but give higher speed, the accommodations are improvements upon the excellent arrangements provided on the steamer now in use, and there is a general suggestion of solidity, of substantial build. The lines are good. As one enthusiastic shipping man tersely puts it: "She's a steamship; yes, she's a liner." That described the Princess Charlotte thoroughly. The bow is very sharp, and the stern suggests that of a magnified torpedo boat with the curved sternpost

which overhangs a balanced rudder of the latest type.

Points of Difference

There are many particulars in which the new Princess differs from her older sister, the Princess Victoria. The extra housework, extra length and beam and additional accommodations, the greater stretch of promenade deck, wide and free, are some of the differences. The bridge, a solid-looking teakwood affair, is a great change from the light open rails of the flying bridge of the Princess Victoria. Fronting the pilothouse is a very powerful searchlight, and this, and all the navigation appliances are of the latest improved type. The manner in which she answers her helm has provoked the admiration of all who have handled the steamer. Capt. Troop, her master on the voyage, Capt. J. W. Troup, who brought her from the outer wharf, and Capt. Buckman, the pilot, were loud in their praise of the manner in which the ship handled. On her trials when the steamer developed 21 knots an hour without difficulty in neutral water and with a weight of 700 tons in her, it was demonstrated that the vessel could turn completely in a minute and a half.

Description of Interior

The description of the interior accommodation of the steamer conveys but a faint idea of the substantial manner in which the C. P. R. has prepared for patrons. The dining saloon, thoroughly furnished, seats 140 people, the observation room, smoking room and cabins are fitted elaborately, even electric heaters being placed in the cabins-de-luxe, which are furnished with four post brass beds and excellent furniture, with bathroom adjoining. The barber's shop is spacious, and has an adjoining bootblack stand; in fact, every arrangement that can be suggested for the comfort of the traveller is apparent. A feature of the Princess Charlotte is the second cabin saloon placed in the forward part of the passenger deck below the observation room, where the Asiatic and Indian travellers will be accommodated. The equipment, furnishing and general excellence of the new steamer must be seen, however, to be appreciated.

Arrived at Quarantine

The new liner arrived at William Head quarantine station during the night and anchored until daylight when Dr. Watt came off and passed her, and Capt. Buckman brought her up to the outer wharf, where Capt. J. W. Troup, superintendent of the British Columbia coast steamship service, W. McGown, superintendent engineer and others, awaited the new Princess. When she was moored alongside the outer wharf with the big Blue Funnel liner Titan at the outer dock, Capt. Troup and a number of others boarded the steamer and after a short stay, she proceeded to the inner harbor. As she came into the channel, the tug Princess passing out saluted her, and the Princess Charlotte replied. Then the whistle of the British Columbia Soap

Atlantic. D. E. Ferris is chief engineer, and J. Tracey is second, with J. Hurd as third. He left a Blue Funnel liner to join the Princess Charlotte. The crew numbered 42, two of the stewards, R. T. Faulkner and P. E. Fisher having gone from the Princess Victoria to join the steamer.

The Voyage.

Leaving Glasgow on November 2nd at 8 a.m., the start of the long voyage to Victoria was marked with dirty weather, and fresh breezes were experienced after the channel was cleared next day, general rough seas being encountered to Toneriffe, which port was reached on November 7. After loading coal in the Azores the steamer had good weather until when nearing Montevideo, a strong gale was encountered. This was the first experience with the steamer in a heavy sea and the manner in which she acted aroused enthusiasm on board. At Montevideo 798 tons of coal was taken on board and two days after arrival the steamer resumed her voyage on November 26. Good weather was had to the Straits of Magellan, where the steamer anchored for the night at Punta Arenas. At daylight on November 30 she started through the straits, having clear but cold weather. Leaving the straits to enter the Pacific at 3 a.m. on December 1 a strong gale with long Cape Horn seas was met. The wind blew strong from the southwest, shifting to the northwest, and the steamer labored in a heavy sea; but she acted excellently, proving



Capt. J. W. Troup gets his Christmas present

BLUE FUNNEL LINERS AT OUTER WHARF

Teucer Leaves With Full Cargo
Titan Here to Discharge
Freight

The Blue Funnel liner Teucer Capt. Parkinson, arrived at the outer wharf yesterday morning from the Sound and sailed soon after noon, carrying 150 Chinese passengers, including the crew of the steamer Rupert City, ex-Powhatan who were being returned to Hongkong, the big freighter sailed for Liverpool via the usual ports. The Titan of the same line, Capt. R. Day, returned to the outer wharf yesterday from Tacoma to discharge her cargo for this port, about 1,700 tons in all, including a large shipment of Chinese merchandise brought from Hongkong in preparation for the approaching Chinese New Year holidays. There was a big shipment of blue slates for the roofing of the new residence of Hon. James Dunsinuir, a big shipment of steel sheets for the firm located near the gas works on Government street which is engaged in making piping for the city water works, and about 300 tons of sulphur brought from Japan for the Victoria Chemical works. There were also shipments of groceries and general merchandise for local merchants from the United Kingdom.

The Teucer was heavily laden. The cargo on board was valued at \$821,439 and the greater part was loaded at Victoria and Vancouver or sent from British Columbia to Tacoma.

Freight to the value of \$374,903 was laden at Tacoma, \$368,997 at British Columbia ports and \$7,539 at Seattle. Of the Tacoma cargo the larger items consisted of 4,267 bales of cotton, valued at \$249,207; 18,992 barrels of flour, valued at \$75,968; and 7,472 boxes of salt herring, valued at \$32,487. This cargo was shipped from British Columbia to be loaded on the Teucer. In addition to this amount of salt herring the Teucer carries 64,745 cases of canned salmon, giving her a total of 72,217 cases of fish. The salt herring is largely for Chinese ports. The shipment is unusually large.

Other items in the cargo of the Teucer are tallow, whale oil, lumber, wheat and general freight.

The Teucer carried the Lasar crew of the Norwegian steamer Thorids, which is now plying between British Columbia ports and the North. The crew of the British steamer Powhatan, now on the Rupert City, also returns to China. The crew consists of twenty-nine Celestials.

CAPT. HACKETT MAY FIND RIVALS DIGGING

Local Treasure-Hunting Expedition
Will Find Competition in the
Enterprise

When Capt. Fred Hackett, who is making arrangements for another trip to Cocos Island in search of the buried treasure, arrives at the Costa Rican Isle, it is probable that he will find rival treasure hunters at work. A despatch from New York says: "Steps are being taken by L. H. Andrew, an attorney of New York city, and Dugan and Rodgers, now residing in New York, to form a corporation for financing an expedition to Cocos Island, in the Pacific ocean, to search for treasure supposed to have been buried there. Rodgers has visited Cocos Island and obtained a concession to operate there from the government of Costa Rica, which owns the island."

"Rodgers states that his personal investigations concerning the treasure have been carried on for the last ten years. He has charts of the island which he thinks will aid in locating the hidden gold. Some of the treasure is supposed to have been left there in 1802 by a British schooner which had turned pirate. Eleven boatloads of other gold was secreted there in 1835 by the crew of the barkentine Mary Dyer. Part of the treasure information consists of a statement said to have been made by a sailor named Keaton, one of three survivors of the Mary Dyer's crew."

"The Rodgers party, if enough money for it is contributed, will consist of hardy men and take along mining and blasting machinery. Numerous attempts to find the Cocos Island treasure have been made. The schooner Herman returned to San Francisco in 1903, after an unsuccessful expedition."

BOUNTY EARNER SAILS OUTWARD IN BALLAST

Rene Kerviler Will Go From Columbia River to Sydney Without a Cargo

Rather than be idle waiting for a charter, the French bark Rene Kerviler, which reached the Columbia river from Hamburg via Hobart, Tasmania, on Sunday, will clear in ballast for Sydney tomorrow. Under that bounty earnings may be received. Captain Denis, her master, got a cable from the owners issuing instructions to this effect.

Early in July the Rene Kerviler sailed from Hamburg in ballast because there was no business in sight for her in that part of the world. While on route to the Pacific coast she dropped into Hobart for orders, when the skipper was instructed to proceed to the Columbia river. On his arrival here freights were low and grain exporters had about all the tonnage they needed for present demands. On learning the nature of the situation it was decided to keep the windjammer on the move. Should there be no cargo for her at Sydney on her arrival she will be sent to some other distant port, as the bounty earnings are ample to pay the operating expenses.

Only one other French vessel remains in the river not chartered for the outward voyage, the Joiville. As yet the work of discharging a general cargo she brought from Europe has not been completed. If there is no business in sight for her when the job is finished the proposition is that she will also sail away in ballast. This would leave five disengaged ships in port, but they all fly the British flag. There are the Aberfoyle, Bradloch, Donna Francisco, Leyland Brothers and Neotsfield.

A number of Puget Sound builders are figuring that during the early days of January the contract will be let for a new screw passenger steamer to be placed on the route to the Sound, says the Tacoma Ledger. It is probable that connections will be made at Tacoma with the new vessel. Who the people interested in the new steamer are those who are in touch with them refers to state, but asserts

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Special to the Colonist
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 36 miles an hour.
Tatoosh, noon—Part cloudy, wind east, 44 miles an hour.
Out, a schooner. Outside, bound in, a steamer.
Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 46 miles an hour.
Nash Bay, 6 p.m.—Anchored.
U. S. lighthouse tender Heather; U. S. steamer Manning.

By Wireless
Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a light southwest breeze, Bar. 30.08, temp. 31. Sea smooth.
Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Part cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.06, temp. 33.
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 36 miles an hour. Bar. 30.10, temp. 40. Passed out, a vessel, towing, at 5.05 p.m.
Pachena, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, light northeast breeze. Bar. 30.10, temp. 33. Sea smooth. Steamer too far out to recognize name.

Cape Lazo, noon—Part cloudy, light northerly breeze. Bar. 30.10, temp. 36. Sea smooth.
At 8.45, bound south, steam fishing schooner.

Point Grey, noon—Part cloudy. Bar. 30.08, temp. 38. In U. S. P. R. transfer, in tow, at 9.35; Joan, at 9.30; steamer Alaskan, at 9.10.

Tatoosh, noon—Part cloudy, wind east, 44 miles an hour. Bar. 30.06, temp. 39. Passed out, four-masted schooner, at 8.10 a.m. Passed in, U. S. revenue cutter Manning at 9.20 a.m.

Pachena, noon—Part clear, wind northeast. Bar. 29.98, temp. 36. Sea smooth.

Estevan, noon—Clear, wind east. Bar. 30.15, temp. 37. Sea moderate.

Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Part cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.07, temp. 35.
Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Clear and calm. Bar. 30.06, temp. 31. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 46 miles an hour. Bar. 30.02, temp. 39. In, steam schooner Riverside, at 12.20 p.m.; the bark Archibald Russell, at 12.20 p.m. In, U. S. lighthouse tender Heather.

Estevan, 6 p.m.—Cloudy and calm. Bar. 30.12, temp. 31. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Pachena, 6 p.m.—Clear, wind east, calm. Bar. 29.96, temp. 35. Sea smooth. No shipping.

the company is a good one and will figure strongly in this summer's business and in the future transportation work on the Sound. The steamer, which will be nearly 200 feet in length, will be powered with triple expansion engines. The passenger accommodations will be good and the vessel speedy. Several other vessels will be operated by this company.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive		
Vessel	From the Orient	Due
Kaga Maru	From Australia	Jan. 6
Aorangi	From Australia	Jan. 14
Georgia	From Skagway	Jan. 16
Princess May	From Skagway	Jan. 7
Venture	From Skagway	Jan. 20
Princess Beatrice	From West Coast	Dec. 31
Tees	From San Francisco	Dec. 30
Queen	From San Francisco	Dec. 31
City of Puebla	From San Francisco	Jan. 5
Umatilla	From San Francisco	Jan. 10

Sailing Vessels		
Vessel	For the Orient	Date
Puritan	For the Orient	Jan. 6
Iyo Maru	For Australia	Jan. 1
Makura	For Mexico	Dec. 31
Lonsdale	For Skagway	Dec. 28
Princess May	For Skagway	Dec. 28
For Skagway British Columbia ports		
Camosun	For Skagway	Dec. 20
Princess Beatrice	For Skagway	Jan. 4
Venture	For West Coast	Jan. 6
Tees	For San Francisco	Jan. 1
Umatilla	For San Francisco	Jan. 2
City of Puebla	For San Francisco	Jan. 5
Queen	For San Francisco	Jan. 10

Local Steamers		
Vessel	Local Steamer	Date
Leave Victoria 11:30 p.m. daily except Sunday. Arrive Victoria 2 p.m. daily except Monday.		
Leave Victoria 6:50 p.m. daily. Arrive Vancouver 6:00 p.m. daily.		
Leave Victoria 6:00 p.m. daily. Arrive Victoria 6:00 p.m. daily.		
Leave Victoria 6:00 p.m. daily except Thursday.		
Arrives daily at 2:30 p.m.		
Upper Fraser River.		
Beaver.		
Leave New Westminster 8 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.		
Leave New Westminster 1 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. Calling at landings between New Westminster and Chinook.		
Leave Victoria 8 a.m. daily except Sunday.		
Leave Nainaimo 1 a.m. daily except Sunday.		
Leave Vancouver 2 p.m. daily except Sunday.		

Victoria-Nainaimo		
Vessel	Local Steamer	Date
Leave Victoria Tuesday at 7 a.m. Arrive Nainaimo Tuesday at 4 p.m.		
Leave Nainaimo Saturday at 2 p.m. Arrive Victoria Saturday at 9 p.m.		
Leave Nainaimo Wednesday at 7 a.m. Arrive Victoria Wednesday at 4 p.m.		
Leave Union Bay and Comox Thursday at 2 p.m. Arrive Nainaimo Thursday at 7 a.m.		
Leave Nainaimo Friday at 7 a.m. Arrive Union Bay and Comox Friday at 2 p.m.		
Leave Union Bay and Comox Saturday at 7 a.m. Arrive Nainaimo Saturday at 1:30 p.m.		
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Iroquois.		

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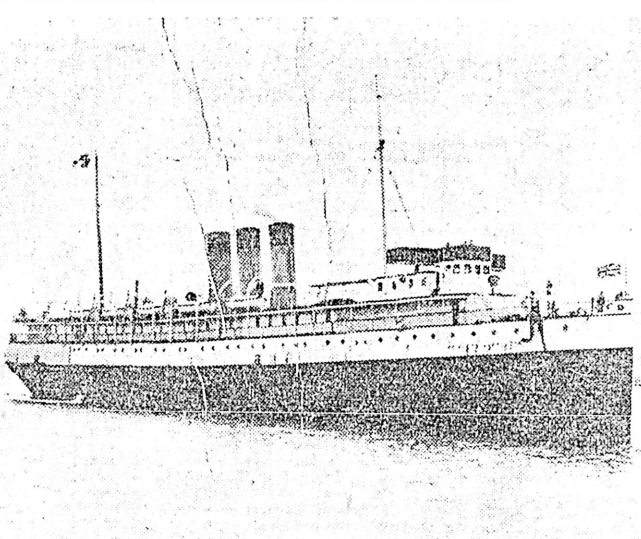
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Wm. Lang, of Peachland, on Okanagan lake, is at the Driford.

Mr. J. Atkinson Douglas, of Winnipeg, is at the Empress.

A. J. Nashburgh, of Seattle, arrived at the Empress yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Langley, of Vancouver, have been spending a few days in town.

Mr. Frohisher, who spent Christmas at Duncan has returned to town.

R. La Chappelle left for Saanich yesterday afternoon.

E. A. Brewer, of Vancouver, is in the city. He is at the King Edward.

A. E. Miller, of Revelstoke, is at the King Edward.

Duncan C. Ross, of Chicago, is staying at the Dominion.

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J. A. Pendray left this morning on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver.

Mrs. Thompson was among those who left for Saanich by yesterday morning's V. & S. train.

Mr. T. O. Mackay, who has been in the East for the past three months has returned to Victoria.

Mrs. E. E. Billingham, Esquimalt Road, gave a delightful children's party yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Waghorn, from Vancouver, are staying in town at the Oak Bay hotel.

Mrs. Geo. Moss, and her son Lyle, of Seattle, are visiting Mrs. Geo. Stelly, View street.

Mrs. Loece left by this morning's V. & S. train for her home at Tod Inlet.

P. Forsyth, of Brandon, is at the King Edward. He came over from the mainland yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gidley came down from Duncan yesterday and are staying at the King Edward.

W. A. Cutler, of Vancouver, is paying his regular business visit to Victoria, and is registered at the King Edward.

Col. Holmes went over to Vancouver this morning on the Princess Victoria on a short visit.

W. J. Ross, of Edinburgh, is visiting the coast. He is staying at the Empress.

H. B. Thomson, M.P.P., left last evening for Seattle on a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Denham have taken up their residence at the Driford hotel.

E. V. Bodwell, K.C., left this morning for Vancouver, where he will spend New Year's.

Mr. Thomas Leach, B.A., principal of the Lord Roberts school, Vancouver, is visiting the capital.

Stuart Henderson, M.P.P., returned last evening from a visit to the mainland.

J. H. and Mrs. MacGill, of Vancouver, are registered at the New England.

J. W. Beattie left last night on the Princess Royal to spend several days at Seattle on business.

W. J. Armour, of Wingham, Ont., arrived in town yesterday, and is stopping at the Dominion.

Rev. John Antle and Mrs. Antle, arrived from Vancouver last evening, and are staying at the Empress.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Powell came over from Vancouver last evening to spend New Year's here.

Supt. Hussey, of the provincial police, returned last evening from a visit to Vancouver.

W. O. Lindholm, of Stevenson, Scotland has arrived in Victoria. He is staying at the Empress.

J. Brookes, of John's Crossing, after spending a few days in the city, returned home by the V. & S. yesterday afternoon.

Mr. William Hudson, of the public works department (Dominion) returned last evening from an official visit to Vancouver.

James A. Moore, the well known promoter and operator of Seattle, is in Victoria. He is staying at the Empress.

Mrs. Barrow, of Sidney, arrived in town by yesterday morning's train. She expects to remain here several days.

Captain Rothwell and Mr. R. Dickham, from Thetis Island, are spending a few days in town at the Empress.

Mrs. Barron came over from Sidney yesterday and met her friend Miss Houghton, of Vancouver. They are both at the Empress.

Mr. J. Miller, the veteran postmaster of Vancouver, who has been at the Empress, returned home this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tasse have rented their house on Dallas Road, for some months and have taken up their residence at the Driford.

P. Linklater, who has been a patient at St. Joseph's hospital for some weeks, is reported to be making satisfactory progress towards complete recovery.

Misses Yorke and George, of Vancouver, are in the city for a few days, the guests of Mrs. Fleming, of Croft street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Riley, of Kamloops, who have been spending Christmas week with friends in the city, returned home this morning.

W. Irvine-Scobie and John L. Godston came over from Mayne Island yesterday, and are staying at the Balmoral.

R. R. Wilmet, of Vancouver, who has been making a short business trip to the city, returned to Vancouver on the Princess Royal this morning.

A. Alexander, of Duncan, arrived in the city by the noon train yesterday. While here he is a guest at the King Edward hotel.

K. H. Pessenden, of Sooke, is in the city. He arrived here this morning and expects to remain several days visiting friends. He is staying at the King Edward.

Messrs. Dominic Burns, of Vancouver, and Blake Wilson, of Nelson, both of the well known meat and packing house of P. Burns & Co., came over on the Princess Victoria last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Kruse, of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Sharp and child, of Spokane, arrived in town yesterday and are stopping at the Empress.

R. George, of the local branch of the Hudson's Bay Co., left on Monday for Vancouver, where he intends spending some days with friends. Before returning he will visit Seattle.

Mrs. Grahame and daughter, of Winnipeg, who have been spending the past month with friends in the city,

left this morning via the C.P.R. on their return to the east.

H. Fullerton and Mrs. Fullerton, who were the guests of relatives here during the Christmas season, left on Sunday for their home at Prince Rupert.

Stanley Dean, an employee of the C.P.R. at Medicine Hat, is in the city. He is on a fortnight's holiday, and while here is a guest of his parents, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Dean, Pandora avenue.

The Rev. Hugh McKellar, of Calgary, who has been spending a couple of weeks with his friends, the Rev. D. and Mrs. McKee, at the manse in Victoria West, on his way home from California, has returned to Calgary.

The Women's Bible class of Centennial church, which is taught by Mrs. D. Jennings, was very pleasantly entertained at tea on Tuesday evening by Mrs. T. D. Velch, at her residence on Douglas street.

Dr. Georgina Urquhart, M. E. Ross, E. D. MacQueen, W. Matheson, Miss McClughan, Miss Cumming and Miss Van Blaricum, came over from Vancouver last evening and are registered at the Empress.

The following guests from the Northwestern provinces arrived at the Dominion yesterday: J. S. and J. W. Cairns, of Carnduff, Sask.; Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, of Portage la Prairie, Man., and Angus McIntosh, of Calgary.

Among the visitors from Victoria to Vancouver to the Club Ball are the following: Captain and Mrs. Barry, Captain and Mrs. Bromley, the Misses Mason, Mrs. Roper, (Cherry Creek), Miss Little, Miss Muriel Dunsmuir, Miss Perry, Miss Nora Combe, Mr. Lawson.

Mr. Herriek McGregor, was host at a charming little dinner party at the Union Club on Tuesday evening. Among the guests were: Mr. Evers Criddle, Mr. Forbes, T. C. Boulton, Mr. C. J. Prior, Mr. T. Woolridge and others.

Mr. Humble, the manager of the Empress hotel, is not expected to be back from his Montreal trip and in his office until about the 9th or 10th of January. It was originally his intention, as well as strong desire, to return in time to be present at the ball which is to be given in this hotel on the 7th.

Among the passengers for Vancouver this morning on the Princess Victoria were: Mrs. Sybil, L. G. Henderson, Mrs. Rant, Mrs. Phipps, Capt. McDonald, Miss Fell, Mrs. Fell, C. J. Kaye, H. Erben, Capt. Parry, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Langley, Miss D. Wolf, Mrs. Weskins, H. Doyle, Capt. Rathwell.

Mr. Percy Finch, the senior partner in the well known firm of Finch and Finch, haberdashers, on Government street, and Miss Annie Cathcart, the daughter of Mr. Henry Cathcart, were quietly married by the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, at his residence, on Government street east, on Tuesday evening. The happy couple have left town on a honeymoon trip to the Sound cities.

Mr. H. Hemming, the lessee of the Driford hotel, has invited his friends and guests to attend a grand ball, which he is giving this evening, and a great crush is expected. The dancing will take place in the dining room which has been handsomely decorated with flags, garlands and bunting, while refreshments will be served in the new grill room, which, although it is not as yet quite completed, has been so arranged that it can be utilized upon the present occasion. The invited guests are requested to present their invitations immediately upon arrival.

The management of the Empress hotel have informed their guests and friends that the diningroom will be kept open until a late hour this evening, New Year's eve, when a special supper will be served, a prix fixe, to be followed by an impromptu dance. It was originally intended to throw open the dining room for this purpose at 11 o'clock, but so many reservations have already been made that it has been decided to begin the service about 9:30 o'clock, and in the circumstances, it is probable that the dining and the dancing will be continued until 2 or 3 o'clock tomorrow morning.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. B. Mitchell, Winnipeg Cottage, Cadboro Bay, Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29th, when their niece Miss Olive Daisy Rothwell, eldest daughter of Mrs. Walter Rothwell of Winnipeg, was united in marriage to Mr. J. J. Biddle of Winnipeg. The Rev. A. E. Belling performed the ceremony. Mrs. L. Sturges was the matron of honor and Capt. George W. Riddle supported the groom. The bride was given away by her uncle, and was charmingly attired in a gown of white silk with lace trimming, wearing the bride veil and carrying a bouquet of white roses. The matron of honor was dressed in cream silk with sequin trimming, and carried a shower bouquet of white chrysanthemums. Ethel Sturges made a pretty little flower girl, daintily dressed in white and carrying a basket of lily of the valley and anemones. The customary wedding march was played by Miss Lizzie Bell. At the close of the ceremony the guests proceeded to the diningroom which was prettily decorated, and where a dainty breakfast was served. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Riddle, father and mother of the groom; Mr. W. Riddle, Mr. S. Riddle, and Master A. Riddle; Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. and Miss Bell; Mr. S. Bell, Mr. L. Sturges; Mr. and Mrs. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher; Miss A. Fletcher; Mr. and Mrs. S. Holloway; Mr. C. Stokes; Mr. E. Rawlings; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ward; Mrs. Allen; Mrs. T. Hobbs; Mrs. F. Hobbs; Miss E. Hobbs; Mrs. and Mrs. Pugh; Miss A. Pugh; Mr. P. Cowley. The happy couple left for Seattle amid a shower of congratulations. The bride wearing a traveling costume of dark green broadcloth over a white silk blouse, and hat to match with white plumes. Mr. and Mrs. Riddle will take up their future residence in Winnipeg.

According to a cable received from Bremen the North German Lloyd Steamship Company denies the report of intending to establish a steamer line from San Francisco to East Asia. This rumor has been circulated freely and it was the general belief that the German company had planned a line in connection with the Western Pacific railroad.

Capt. Isaac Lockwood, of Stratford, Conn., the champion eel-skinner of the world, has retired, a wealthy man.

W. N. Ryerson, superintendent of the Niagara Power Company at Niagara Falls, has resigned to go to Duluth.

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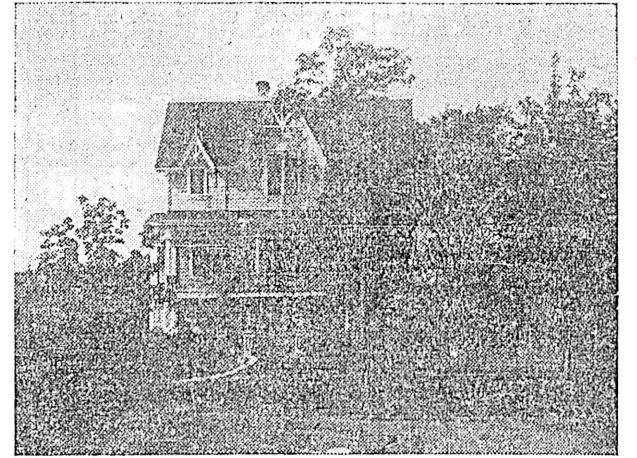
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W. S. D. SMITH.

Notice to Contractors

Sealed tenders are invited for the clearing of approximately one hundred acres of the townsite of Alberni, Vancouver Island. Specifications can be seen at the offices of The Alberni Land Company, Ltd., Alberni, B. C.; the Land Office E. & N. Railway Company, Victoria, B. C.; the Land Office E. & N. Ry., at C. P. offices, Vancouver, B. C. Tenders must state if it is the intention of the contractor to use white or oriental labor.

Clearing must be completed before the first day of May, 1910.
Tenders must be in on or before the 15th of January, 1910, and are to be addressed to The Alberni Land Company, Ltd., New Alberni, B. C.
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TO WELCOME CURLERS

London, Eng., Dec. 29.—A deputation of Scotch curlers will meet the Canadians on their arrival at Liverpool on January 20th, and will banquet them at Edinburgh, with Lord Strathcona in the chair. The Magistrate's council of Edinburgh will luncheon them at the city chambers and the corporation of Glasgow will tender them a similar reception. In response to a circular from the secretary of the Royal Club, inviting provinces to select rinks to play the Canadians, twenty-three out of the total of thirty-one, took advantage of the offer.

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MUSIC AND DRAMA

Florence Roberts.

When it is said that Florence Roberts, who has played a remarkably varied line of parts with always superior ability, has scored the greatest success of her career in her new play, "The House of Bondage," there remains no room for pessimism regarding the result of her forthcoming engagement at the Victoria theatre to-night. It is common talk in theatrical circles that Miss Roberts has in "The House of Bondage" the dramatic "find" of the season. The work is by Seymour Obermer, a brilliant English dramatist, who is said not only to have evolved a strikingly original theme, but also to have clothed it in remarkably beautiful language. Miss Roberts in "The House of Bondage"



FLORENCE ROBERTS
In "The House of Bondage."

star has a role in which she is seen at her best. John Cort has given the play a strong support, among the players appearing the well known names of Arthur Forrest, Thurlow Bergen, Kent Bosworth, Harry Gibbs, Ann Warrington and Mary Bertrand.

Peer Gynt

America until very recently knew Henrik Ibsen only as a dramatist, a caustic litterateur who dipped his pen in vitriolic satire and virtually tore to shreds the strands of conventionality that hold the social fabric intact. Ibsen the pessimist, the virioli thrower, the enemy of the beautiful and righteous, was well known here, but Henrik Ibsen the poet, the philosopher, the optimist, the patriot, has only become familiar to us since we have become acquainted with his "Peer Gynt," which is given at the Victoria theatre on Monday next, for in this gem of character drawing we see the Norwegian dramatist revealing his other, and true self; the boy who slept on the Riviera, who had day dreams of his rugged Norse mountains and who wrote of the legends of his home land as only an exile can write. It was under the combined influence of his country's folk-lore and the intoxicating perfumes of the Mediterranean shore

that Ibsen wrote "Peer Gynt" reflecting therein a hidden page of his own earlier life's history.

But it was not until "Peer Gynt" was revealed in dramatic form that the true import of this marvelous comedy was disclosed in its wonderful wealth of character drawing and sound philosophy, little wonder therefore that it became the most discussed play before the public, for as an editor and professor wrote, "Peer Gynt" has enough material in it to construct a dozen ordinary comedies."

Richard Mansfield achieved the greatest success of his successful career in "Peer Gynt" and Louis James who was fortunate in securing the much coveted manuscript and entire original production, is said to be duplicating the same success.

The London Bioscope.

This evening will mark the return of the London Bioscope company to the Victoria theatre after an absence of several days. For the return engagement the management has secured one of the best sets of films ever shown in this city and a good show is expected. Owing to the theatre being engaged for other shows it will only be possible to show the pictures this evening on Friday and Saturday evenings with Saturday afternoon matinee. The doors of the theatre will be open at 7:30 and there will be a continuous performance until 10:30 and on Saturday afternoon the doors will be open at 2:30. The programme of pictures will include "The Visit of King Edward to Emperor William," "The Lightning Postcard Artist," "The Mysterious Handbag," "Mechanical Legs," "Australian Dancers," "The Colonel's Bird," "Motoring in the Alps," "A Disastrous Picnic," "A Stitch in Time," "The Hand of Fate," "Views of Barcelona," "Robin Hood and His Merry Men," "Extracting Coal," and "Picturesque Java." The illustrated songs for the week are entitled "The Girl from the West," and "Wild Flowers," both of which are very popular selections and will add to the success of the entertainments.

The New Grand.

Manager Jamieson's New Year's programme is as far ahead of that given in any other theatre in the city as it is one of the best seen at the Grand. There are only four "outside" acts, besides the song, moving pictures and overture, but they are all big feature acts and all novelties, and they put up a remarkable good show of the regular length. The Petching Bros. have a scenic musical act. They have a special stage setting, representing a beautiful flower garden and orchard combined. They play on roses, twining vines, flower pots and pears which hang from an ever-laden pear tree. Some good clean comedy is introduced between the different selections. It is doubtful if any more finished or graceful acrobats than Carson Brothers have ever been seen on a Victoria stage. They work in a setting hung entirely in black, clad in white tights and their movements are all made to slow waltz time. Many of their feats are entirely new. Les Theodors are aerialists and equilibrists, the woman holding the roman rings with her hands, and the trapeze with her teeth, upon both of which the man does some of the most difficult one-hand athletic work that can be devised on such apparatus. Chas. W. Williams and his lady figures put up a splendid little comedy sketch called "The Doctor's Busy Day," which keeps the audience busy laughing and which closes with a surprise. Mr. Williams is one of the best of ventriloquists and his act is entirely away from other ventriloquist turns. Thos J. Price sings the illustrated song "It's Only Me in My Nightie." Good moving pictures are entitled "His Own Son," and the orchestra plays "Silver Spring of Chaucery," by Bender, as an overture. There will be two matinees on New Year's Day, the first starting promptly at 2:30 and the second at 3:45.

The Pantages Theatre.

The show at Pantages this week is interesting in many respects, one of which is that it is quite different to what have been there in many months and in all probability its duplicate will not be seen in this theatre for a long time to come. "Silent" Tait presents a real novelty with the assistance of his wife, and their offering of Burlesque magic is very funny. The Durbin Sisters Shadographers, Crane Bros., rube singers and dancers, Shal the Russian Violinist, Jesse Clipper black face singer and the regular house attractions complete the programme.

Called to Edmonton

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Rev. J. E. Dulos, for seventeen years pastor of the Valleyfield Presbyterian church, has received a call to Newmarket church, Edmonton, and will likely accept.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Old Men's Vote.

Sir—Your heading of the report of proceedings before the magistrate on the so-called old men's vote is most misleading—"Men over fifty have no right to vote." There is no foundation for such a statement and it is calculated to raise much ill-feeling and a sense of injustice.

All persons, male or female, regardless of age, who pay direct taxes to the city, amounting even to the small sum of two dollars, have the fullest municipal franchise. Those who do not pay even this small sum have no right to vote. Surely that is equitable enough to meet the most radical or democratic person.

The municipal clauses act requires amending by striking out the words "and not over fifty years of age" in section 165. Subsection 3 of the same section provides that the "commutation money is due and collectible during the next ensuing year, the same manner as ordinary taxes." I think the city solicitor lost sight of this point.

THOS. C. SORBY.

A Canadian Anthem.

Sir—Your suggestion in editorial of today's Colonist that a verse Canadian in sentiment might with good effect be added to the anthem "God Save the King," has suggested to me the idea that if our local poets would send to you for publication in our next Sunday's or some other Colonist number such a verse as you suggest it would make a decidedly amusing reading, and perhaps instructive, and suggest to some of the said raimsters material for the building of a national anthem such as you mention as being so very hard of accomplishment.

In pursuance of such an idea I take the liberty of sending my contribution to such a collection.

ANNIE S. KING,
1604 Quadra Street, City.
In Canada's varied climes,
Wealth flows from richest mines,
Forests and fields,
Sweedy our voices chime,
People's from every clime,
Together gladly sing,
God save our King.

—A. S. K.

The Extension of Boundaries.

Sir—Not many days ago the Colonist alluded to the proposed extension of the boundaries of Ontario and Manitoba. Not too soon in the case of the latter which has been treated very shabbily

by Conservative and Liberal governments. Surrounded by millions of acres of government land, and yet it had not control of the public domain within its own boundary. Is the present time opportune to have the northern boundary of British Columbia extended to include the Yukon territory and up to the Arctic ocean? Better terms are dead for the present, and cannot be revived during the present federal administration but it may be willing to be relieved of an incubus which the Yukon has proved to be for the last three or four years. In the first years of the gold excitement in that region the royalty on gold was ten per cent, and although the administration was very defective owing chiefly to the small pay of officials who made up the deficiency in divers ways to enable them to live in a very expensive country—yet the revenue was large and left a balance over the cost of administration. Many members of parliament objected to the 10 per cent royalty as being far too high, and a few years ago the government jumped to the other extreme, reducing royalty from ten to 2½ per cent, consequently a deficit in the cost of administration. Under such circumstances the Federal government may not be averse to parting with a district the revenue of which falls below the cost of administration. This question should be of sufficient importance to demand the consideration

of our provincial government and of our federal members of parliament. Negotiations should not be delayed. The Yukon so far seems impossible of competent and honest administration, and no doubt the inadequate pay of officials led to the improper things being done. The satisfactory manner in which this province has managed our mining industries from Atlin to Rossland, and Crow's Nest Pass, leaves no doubt in my mind that the Yukon under provincial administration would have a clear record, be a revenue-producing adjunct, and a magnificent rounding off of our province to the northern limit of the continent.

I hope the provincial government may think favorably of the proposal although not originating it. Individual persons in different countries have brought to notice far-reaching schemes as well as concrete administrators.

W. J. MACDONALD.

Ontario Parliament Buildings
Toronto, Dec. 30.—It is understood that the question of enlargement of the parliament buildings was discussed at a meeting of the Ontario cabinet yesterday. The cost of the addition, it is said, will amount to about half a million dollars.

Ralph Kalar, of Stamford township, is dead, aged 75.

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He stretched out his hands and raised his head long enough to call out: "Now I can die happy. Long live the King." He then fell back and expired.

Work of Succor

The latest news from Messina sets forth that some progress is being made in the work of succoring the wounded survivors, but no attempt is being made to remove the wreckage. The troops and sailors have been obliged to shoot down robbers caught looting. All the funds of the Messina branch of the bank of Italy, some \$2,000,000, have been saved, and are on board an Italian warship.

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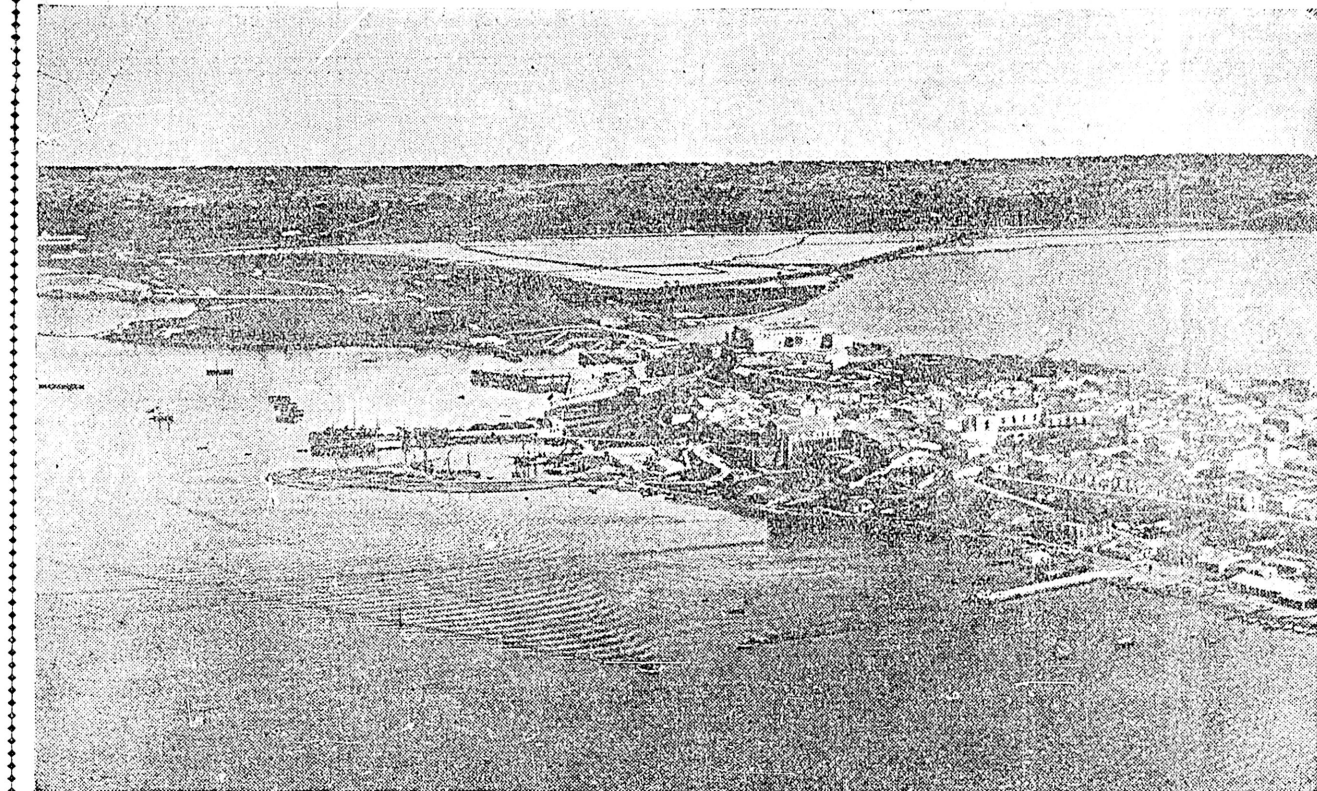
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King and Queen at Work.
Catania, Dec. 30.—When King Victor Emmanuel and his wife arrived at Messina today they at once disembarked and made their way into the ruined city. Many terrible stories were told to the king in connection with the work of rescue. His Majesty, however, lost little time in listening to these recitals. He immediately joined a rescue party and labored as unrelentingly as the others. He personally extricated several injured persons pinned in the ruins. The queen followed her husband's example. She devoted her attention principally to little children. She rescued with her own hands a little boy, three years old, bleeding from many cuts and wounds, and herself carried him to the dock, where she handed him over to members of the hospital corps.

At the dock were many small boats sent in to take the wounded out to the ships in the harbor. Every available steamer in the port has been fitted up as a temporary hospital.

People wept from emotion when they saw the King and Queen of Italy come ashore. The women threw kisses to Her Majesty. Both were practically carried up the pier in the arms of their subjects. The presence of the King has acted as an inspiration to the people.

An old man, who had been abandoned under a beam, which apparently had crushed his life, revived for a moment at the sight of the royal pair.

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Several Calabrians here, who have relatives and friends in the stricken district, have gone out of their minds because it is impossible for them either to go to their homes or get news of their beloved ones.

Messina Horrors.
The steamer Therapia is lying off Naples, crowded with refugees from Messina, bereaved men, starving women and weeping children, all with the stamp of great fear still upon their faces.

One of the refugees, a man employed with a German cotton firm in the lost city said: "Messina is utterly destroyed. Nothing remained when I left but

wa indescribable. All day I wandered in the wrecked streets. No food could be secured; I had only a few nuts to eat. The head of my firm was lost, and his brother had to go through the streets begging for bread for his wife and children. There was no organization in the work of rescue. The prison was destroyed and the garden killed, but most of the convicts escaped. They prowled about the ruins, robbing and murdering. They cut off the fingers of the dead and wounded to get the rings. Some of them were singing songs of liberty as they pined the knife. A Russian vessel lying in the harbor was thrown into the street by the tidal wave. Other vessels foundered. Railway lines were swallowed up. The square known as the campo Santo collapsed and sank. Only the summits of a few ruined buildings still emerge from the wreckage. What remained of the population, when I left, was camping near the harbor."

Worse and Worse
Rome, Dec. 30.—The immensity of the disaster in southern Italy and Sicily can only be measured by the fact that it is estimated that 110,000 people perished in Messina and Reggio alone, a score of other towns have been devastated, and thousands of victims in many places must be added to the roll. In the face of this awful total, all Italy stands appalled.

Nor has the full death list yet been reached. Shiploads of fugitives have arrived at Naples and other ports, and the vast majority of these are sorely injured. Other thousands remain near the ruins of their homes, or wander half-starved, half naked, over the land. The forces that on Monday overwhelmed the cities also destroyed the means of subsistence.

Telegraphic communication has been established with Messina, the apparatus having been installed in a railway station. Messages which have come over the line, although they have been meagre in detail, show that the hope is gone. Nothing remains of the city but a mass of ruins that have been swept by fire. A mere handful of survivors are being cared for by the rescuing forces, but their distress is great, and it has been increased by the violent icy winds that followed the rain. Destitution is everywhere and appalling.

Of Messina's 90,000 population, it is believed that fully 70,000 persons perished. Forty thousand people died in Reggio.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena were at Messina today. The King explored the ruins, despite the danger to which he exposed himself. He was often moved to tears by the heartrending scenes he came upon at every turn. The King was loud in his praise of the fine work accomplished by the British, Italian and Russian bluejackets, who saved many who otherwise would have inevitably perished. The Queen spent the day in the wards of improvised hospitals visiting the wounded, many of whom have lost all that was dear to them. Her Majesty did her best to cheer them with womanly words of consolation, often breaking into sobs as she listened to their dreadful tales of suffering. The King left for Reggio tonight.

Contributions
Vienna, Dec. 30.—Emperor Francis Joseph has contributed \$10,000 to the relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers.

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BEFORE BUYING OR SELLING timber in B. C. call and see my list, comprising more than 100 of the best properties, aggregating a total cut of twenty-five (25,000,000) feet. A. T. Frampton, Malton Bldg., Victoria, B.C. Phone 1655.

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STORAGE AND WAREHOUSING.—10,000 feet of floor space. Apply W. W. Duncan, 535 Yates. P. O. Box 179, City.

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WING ON & SON—All kinds of Scavenger work, yard cleaning, etc. Office, 1709 Government street. Phone 23.

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PIONEER COFFEE & SPICE MILLS, Ltd., Pembroke street, Victoria. Telephone 587.

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B.C. FUNERAL FURNISHING CO., 52 Government street. Tel. 48, 305, 464, 554. Our experienced and certified staff available day or night. Chas. Hayward, Pres., F. Casleton, Manager.

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WINTERBURN W. G., Telephone 1531. Consulting Mechanical, Electrical and Surveyor. Estimates for all kinds of machinery; gasoline engines a specialty. 1637 Oak Bay Avenue, Victoria, B.C.

DENTISTS
DR. LEWIS HALL, Dental Surgeon, Jewell Block, corner Yates and Douglas streets, Victoria, B.C. Telephone—Office, 557; Residence 122.

DETECTIVES
B. C. DETECTIVE SERVICE, Vancouver. Criminal and commercial investigations. Head office, rooms 9 and 7, Molson's Bank Building, Vancouver. B. C. Phone B3029.

MASSAGE
MEDICAL MASSAGE, Turkish Baths—G. Bjornfelt, Swedish masseur, Venetian Block, Douglas street, hours 1-6. Phone 1629.

MINING ENGINEER
J. L. PARKER, Mining Engineer, room 11, Macgregor Block, 634 View St., Victoria, B.C. Telephone: Business, A1257; Residence 1912.

PATENTS AND LEGAL
ROWLAND BRITAIN, Registered Attorney. Patents in all countries. Bold building, opposite P.O., Vancouver.

VETERINARY COLLEGE
BULLETIN San Francisco Veterinary College now ready. Mailed free. Dr. Keane, 1818 Market St.

HOTEL DIRECTORY
CALIFORNIA HOTEL—19 Johnson St., newly fitted up from bottom to top, good accommodation, sporting gallery, comprising life-size photos of all the noted sports and athletes up to the present day. Bar always supplied with the best goods. Thos. L. McManus, proprietor.

HOTEL COLONIAL—Opposite Court house. Best hotel in town. Rates from \$1.00 up. John A. Insley, proprietor.

HOTEL DOMINION—When you arrive at Vancouver take large auto bus, which will take you to this hotel free of charge. Accommodation excellent at the price. American plan \$2.00 per day. Auto makes one trip daily around Stanley Park. F. Maynes, proprietor.

HOTEL METROPOLE—The most convenient to business center, theatres, clubs, and depots. Recently renovated and reconstructed. American and European plan. The place to meet your up-country friends. Geo. L. Howe, proprietor.

BLACKBURN HOTEL—A. E. Blackburn, proprietor. This well-known and popular hotel centrally located, recently refitted is now open to its patrons. Steam heat, nice commodious rooms, nice dining room, best attention to comfort of guests. American plan \$2.00 per day. 316 Westminster avenue.

ALHAMBRA HOTEL—Mrs. S. Thompson and Sons, proprietors; R. D. Thompson, Manager. Corner Carroll and Victoria streets, Vancouver. B.C. Vancouver's first hotel, situated in the heart of the city. Modernly equipped throughout. All-day lunch a specialty. European plan. Famous for good whiskey.

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BUSINESS COUNCILS
THE BEST PAYING proposition in Vancouver, B.C., yielding a little over \$2,500 covers this buy, and the balance on easy terms. This is perhaps the best rooming house in the city, centrally located, well fitted. Write and get particulars. Wakeley & Bodie, 441 Pender street, Vancouver, B.C.

FARM LANDS
FREE MAP of British Columbia fruit districts, together with valuable information about soils, climate, prices of products, best locations, home-sites, regulations, etc., sent free to those who send name and address at once to Kootenay Orchard Association, Ltd., Nelson, B. C.

COMPANIES ACT, 1877.
NOTICE is hereby given that Edward John Hearn, accountant, of Victoria, B. C., has been appointed the attorney-in-fact of the Vancouver Island Mining and Development Company, Limited, in the place of Clement Livingston, deceased.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 16th day of December, 1908.

Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Subscribe for THE COLONIST.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAUS

WING ON CHINESE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU
ALL KINDS of Chinese labor supplied. Y. T. Tam, 1630 Government street. Phone A1749.

JAPANESE, HINDU, AND CHINESE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE—All kinds of labor, general contractor. 1601 Government street. Phone 1630.

MRS. NEWTON, (of the Cosy Corner Tea Rooms) has opened an employment bureau for all classes of labor, including a department for rooms and board; 9 to 11 a.m., 2 to 3 p.m., 616 Fort street.

JAPANESE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE—Japanese Contractors, all kinds of Japanese laborers. 1617 Store street, Victoria City.

THE DEVEREUX EMPLOYMENT AGENCY
1010 Yates. Hours—2 to 5 p. m. Phone 417.

WANTED—Position by capable English governess; English subjects, French music (city) references.

AN EXPERIENCED English teacher desires a class of boys from 6 to 10 years, excellent credentials.

WANTED—An experienced general maid, good cook (country), also mother's help (city).

TO RENT—RESIDENCES
TO LET—Furnished eight roomed. Apply Mrs. Jackson, Head St. day.

FOR RENT—New modern 5-room cottage, Victoria West, rent \$15 per month. 1113 Store St., Clagar street.

TO LET—Part of partly furnished desirable house, close in. \$20. Box 325, Colist.

TO LET—Large new dwelling, with one acre of ground, planted in fruit, etc., convenient to car; rent \$25 per month. Apply B. C. Land and Investment Agency, 322 Government St.

LOTS FOR SALE—We have some choice ones which for value we consider unequalled. These are forced sales and it will be worth your while to look out before purchasing elsewhere. Dr. C. Reid & Co., 9 Mahon Bldg., Phone 1494.

NOTICE—Rock blasting a specialty and rock for sale. J. R. Williams, 408 Michigan St. Phone A-1343.

TO LET—Box stall and shed suitable for gentlemen's driving outfit; very central. Address P. O. Box 261.

DRESSMAKING—The Misses Roberts, 29 Menzies St. Phone A1727.

VICTORIA BUSINESS COLLEGE—Opposite Welles. New term begins Jan. 1. Day and evening classes. During holidays open till 12 o'clock. Tel. 1615.

SHACKS, COTTAGES—Contracts wanted to build; from \$150 to \$2,500, town or country. New, effective designs. All estimates free. Jobbing, repair work. Greenhouse work a specialty. Box 10, Colist.

FOR SALE—Twenty-seven laying hens; price \$25 for quick sale. 2605 Douglas St.

FOR SALE—Young English setter dog, trained and well marked. 509 Superior St.

MRS. ROACH of the Corona House has left Pandora street and will take over the Kinross home, 2112 Douglas, on January 7, which will in the future be known as the Corona.

WHY PAY seven dollars for wood? Dry wood cut, 12 inches \$4. Dry slabs 1 foot lengths, \$3. Phone 910.

FOR A QUICK SALE, 1,900 Can. North-West Oil Co. shares for 40 cents. Box 395, Colist.

FOR SALE—A sixty dollar Denmore typewriter for twenty dollars. Not quite new, but in excellent condition and writes perfectly. This ad. will not appear again. Box 343 Colist.

COLE BROS.—Contractors. Estimates given for brickwork, chimneys, foundations, all kinds of building work. 1621 Blanchard St. Phone B-1905 after 6 p. m.

ALTON & BROWN, carpenters and builders. Estimates given on all kinds of carpenter work. We specialize in modern homes, greenhouses. Prompt attention. First-class work and moderate prices. Phone B-1461. Residence 555 Bay St., Victoria.

MILLWOOD and bark slabs, \$3.00 double load; cordwood \$5.50 first quality. Hull, Phone 1124.

BANJO, MANDOLIN AND GUITAR taught by W. G. Plowright, Conductor of the Victoria Amateur Band and Guitar Club, late professor of Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar at Alberta College, Edmonton, etc. Phone A1453. Studio 925 View Street.

SLAUGHTER SALE—A carload of delivery wagons, wheelbarrows, fruit wagons, buggies, and a few high classed carriages with rubber or steel tires. Also a number of second-hand wagons and carts of different kinds. R. Ledingham's Carriage Works, 723 Cormorant St., above City Hall.

CARPENTER, practical in all branches, furniture repaired neat and cheap. F. Smith, 1269 Richardson St., East. 222

FOR SALE—Houston tenoner, one shaper, one Smith morticer, one small dynamo, one sticker. Also six heavy horses. Taylor Mill Co., Ltd., 215 Government street, P. O. Box 625 No. 2.

FOR SALE—Buggies, delivery and farm wagons, agricultural implements, wire fence, gasoline engines, etc. B. C. Hardware Co., Ltd., 510 Johnson street, Victoria.

ANTIQUE JEWELRY, Diamonds, Engravings and Pictures bought and sold. Mrs. A. A. Aaronson, 35 John street.

BAGGAGE Promptly handled at current rates by the Victoria Transfer Co., Phone 129. Office open night and day.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY MILL WOOD; it's cheap and good; \$3.00 for a large double load cut in stove lengths, \$2.50 per cord, ft. to those who send name and address at once to Kootenay Orchard Association, Ltd., Nelson, B. C.

COTTON RAGS wanted at the Colist Job Department.

TO LET—UNFURNISHED
UNFURNISHED ROOMS. Apply 938 Yates street.

POULTRY AND LIVE STOCK
FOR SALE—Pure Berk. Boar, 15 mos. Kingston, Heals P. O.

HOISE, harness and wagon for sale, cheap; suitable for light delivery. Apply Thorpe & Co., Ltd., 71 Dild St.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP

WANTED—A general servant. Apply 1017 Linden or phone 1441.

WANTED—Housekeeper, to look after two children and cook. Apply in first instance to the Windsor Grocery Co., City.

WANTED—Experienced chocolate dipper wanted. Apply Popham Bros., Victoria West.

WANTED—MALE HELP
WANTED—Live man (with small capital preferred but not essential) to join advertiser in profitable photographic venture in Victoria. Address Box 545, Colist.

WANTED—Experienced fire insurance canvasser, salary and commission to good man, who must devote the whole of his time to work. Colist, 525 office.

WANTED—Good reliable business man to sell subdivision lots at one of the most important Grand Trunk Pacific divisional points. Good commission. References required. W. A. Campbell, Nanton Block, Winnipeg.

WANTED—Man and wife for Island farm. State experience and wages expected. G. Bradley Dyne, Sidney P.O.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE
WANTED—Position in doctor or dentist office or general nursing in hospital by trained nurse. Address T. D., 1605 Blanchard St., City.

WANTED—Dressmaking, 854 Kane St.

WANTED—Middle aged lady, experienced, wants position as working housekeeper in hotel or rooming house. Would take entire care of small private house. Apply Colist, 525.

ADVERTISER having house property, value \$2,500, at Brandon, is open for exchange for value in Victoria. 1289 Walnut St., Spring Ridge.

ENGLISH WOMAN wants woollens to wash. Good drying ground. 521, Colist.

WANTED—Children's and plain sewing to do. Address 512 Colist.

YOUNG ENGLISH LADY requires post as mother's help to take care of a baby or young children, in a refined home and where she would be treated as one of the family. References and testimonials. Box 318, Colist.

EXPERIENCED DRESSMAKER wants work by the day. Good local recommendation. Apply 1605 Blanchard Avenue, City.

WANTED—Charitable ladies to give work of any kind to a strong capable woman. Address 4280, Colist.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE
WANTED—Position on ranch as manager, 25 years experience, and 5 years in Alberta and Saskatchewan, thoroughly understands horses and cattle. First class references. 521 Colist.

FOR SALE—RESIDENCES
FOR SALE—At a bargain for quick sale, a large modern house with every convenience, on the corner of 1st and School streets. For particulars see Helmsman, For man & Co., 207 Government St.

THIS IS THE SNAP—8 room modern house, back and front stairs, gas and electric light, hot water all through, every modern convenience. One block from City Hall. Will rent for \$20.00 cash takes it. Apply to Smith & Co., Mahon Bldg.

FOR SALE—Cottage, 4 rooms, bath room and all modern improvements. New and unoccupied. See view, close tram line. Apply Owner, Box 342 Colist.

WANTED—TO PURCHASE
WANTED—To purchase—Five room cottage, near car line, and give two lots in Victoria. Part payment. Apply to box 528 Colist.

WANTED—5 or 6 roomed house with two or three acres land close in. Apply Box 513, Colist.

WANTED—From two to five sections timber close to water, within sixty miles of Vancouver. Must have at least one-half cedar. Address Box 185, Victoria, B. C.

ALBURN LAND—Advertiser will purchase Alberni property if prices are reasonable. Address Box 379 Colist.

WANTED—To purchase, old mahogany furniture, clocks, grandfather clocks, coins, stamps, etc. A. A. Aaronson, 85 Johnson street.

FOR SALE—PROPERTY
THE BEST LAND in the Bulkley valley to be sold in small blocks, 160 to 320 acres at low prices. Apply J. J. Sanders, 1203 Government St. (Upstairs).

FOR SALE—20 acres on Somers Lake, one mile from Duncan. Majority cultivated. Fine house, furnace, water, all modern improvements, including duck shooting. Box X, Duncan.

TO LET—FURNISHED ROOMS.
TO RENT—Three furnished rooms, Garesche Block.

TO LET—Furnished room, bath, electric light, heat, board if desired. 1605 Blanchard.

FURNISHED ROOMS—Very central 310 Douglas, corner Humboldt St. d1.

FURNISHED ROOMS with board, piano and phone, "Bellevue," Quebec St., close to Government building.

TO RENT—Nicely furnished rooms, every convenience. 249 Fort St. Phone B1243.

FURNISHED ROOMS—Elegantly furnished rooms, with or without board, and private bath. Two to three, electric light and telephone. Close to steamboat landing. Corner Birdcage Walk and Belleville street. Mrs. Woodhill (formerly Revue House).

BOARD AND ROOM
TO LET—Single room with board. 226 Fort St., near the rink.

ROOM AND BOARD can be got at "Maplehurst," 1237 Blanchard St.

TO LET—Board and room, also table board, \$5.00; comfortable reception rooms, two blocks from postoffice. 756 Rae St.

BUSINESS CHANCES
PARTY WISHING TO RENT good inner office, ground floor, or will sell lease and office furniture; business opportunity. Apply Box 544, Colist.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise read) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath, softens the water and disinfects.

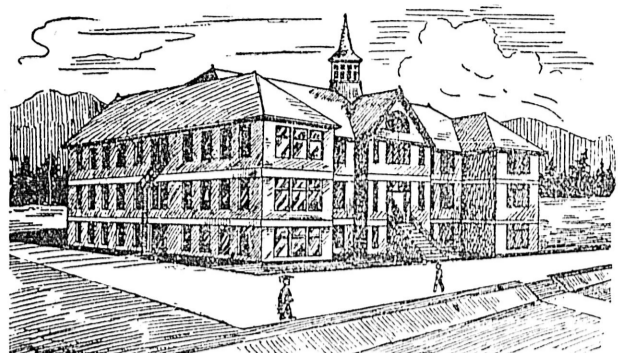
LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A rain coat, Esquimalt district. Reward. 526, Colist.

LOST—Thursday afternoon gold safety pin set with

University School

VICTORIA, B. C.



Will Re-open in January

in Spacious New Brick Building.

Fifteen Acres of Playing Fields

Accommodation for 120 Boarders.

Staff of University Men: Organized Cadet Corps. Musketry Instruction: Football and Cricket.

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The Laurels, Belcher Street, Victoria, B. C.
Patron and Visitor
The Lord Bishop of Columbia.
Head Master

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Assisted by T. J. Muskett, Esq.
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Boys are prepared for the Universities of England and Canada, the Royal Navy, R.M.C., Kingston, and Commerce. First-class accommodation for boarders. Property of five acres, spacious school buildings, extensive recreation grounds, gymnasium, organized Cadet Corps.

Aims at Thoroughness, Sound Discipline and Moral Training.
The Easter term will commence on Tuesday, January 12, 1909, at 9 a.m.
Apply Head Master. Phone 62.

To the Working Man

We are still offering at greatly reduced prices a complete line of Men's and Boys' Clothing, Waterproofs, Shoes, Trunks, Blankets, Leather Goods, etc.

Western Clothing House

533 Johnston St., Opp. Queen's Hotel.

CORRIG COLLEGE

Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, B. C.
Select High-Grade Day and Boarding College for Boys of 8 to 15 years. Refinements of well-appointed gentlemen's home in lovely Beacon Hill Park. Number limited. Outdoor sports. Prepared for Business Life or Professional or University examinations. Fees inclusive and strictly moderate. A few vacancies at winter term, January 4th.
Principal J. W. CHURCH, M. A.

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Phone A-900.

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BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL
providing a sound education from the Kindergarten stage to the preparation for McGill University. Special class for little boys.
951 Johnson Street.
PRINCIPAL, MRS. TUTTLE.
At Home Friday
Easter Term Opens January 5th.

VICTORIA WEST SODA WATER CO.

(Successors to Fairall Bros.)
Our motto "As Good Goods As Can Be Produced," manufactured from the celebrated Goldstream water.
With prompt delivery we ask for a share of your patronage.
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BONDS COTTON GRAIN PRODUCE
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WAGAN & CO.
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NOTICE

In the matter of the Estate of Thomas Hind, deceased.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act that all creditors of the estate of the said deceased are required on or before the 30th day of January, A. D. 1909, to send particulars of their claims duly verified to the undersigned, solicitors for Joseph Peterson one of the executors of the said estate; and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.
Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 29th day of December, A. D. 1908.
DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
425 Division St.,
Victoria, B. C.

BOARD ACTS PART OF INVESTOR'S GUARDIAN

British Board of Trade Issues Warning to Small Investors

The British Board of Trade in its role as guardian of the interests of the investor, has issued a much needed warning regarding bond investment and house purchase companies. The class of companies to which the official memorandum refers have become very numerous of late years, and recently also have become unenviably notorious owing to the numerous complaints made by persons who have invested in them. A recent case in which subsequent frequent appearance in various Law Courts. In 1905 the system of bond investment and house purchase was made the subject of investigation by a department committee, who recommended that every company of this class should be compelled to deposit £10,000 as surety before commencing business. Unfortunately the pressure on the Parliamentary machine has not given the opportunity for the carrying out of the necessary reforms. Principally, the Board of Trade says, complaints concern the onerous conditions surrounding the discontinuance of payments for bonds and their meagre consideration value when the bonds are put up, while allegations of agents' misrepresentations have been freely made. In the north, where companies of this class are most numerous, the operations and artizans, actions following alleged misrepresentation have been very frequent, and only the other day at the Manchester Assizes a case was called the Provincial Home Investment Company was mulcted in damages in this regard. The Board of Trade's memorandum will, however, not contain amount of good, but unfortunately the probabilities are that it will not be seen by the very class to whom it is principally addressed. The investigation putting a stop to operations by companies of this kind (from which legislation companies carrying on a local business could derive nothing but good) is very necessary.

Circumstances like these draw attention to the paucity of investment facilities available for the thrifty British artisan and middle class. At the end of 1907, the holders of French Rentes numbered 4,631,857, the average holding being 4,790 francs. The number of British Consols at end of March last numbered 144,398, average amount being £3,681. There were also 119,714 stock certificates outstanding, representing 147,643,600 Consols, averaging £120 each, although little encouragement to purchase is given by the Government in comparison with the facilities offered to small investors in the United States. The amount of Consols annually taken up through the Post Office Savings Bank shows that there are a large number of small investors who are not taking advantage of the interest, if there be security for capital. Parliamentary questions have lately been addressed to the Government regarding them to extend the present facilities to Colonial stocks, but the Government declines to move in the matter and intimate that the necessary steps for making these securities more popular will be taken by the Government. The annual accumulations of the artisan and lower middle classes are immense and so far they have been practically untouched for the purposes of colonial development. In view of these facts, it occurs that if a Colonial Government were to make use of the facilities to provide it with the capital for necessary development work, would make arrangements for issuing bonds of small denomination, say 25s. to 50s., yielding 4 1/2 to 5 per cent., they would succeed in tapping a large and constant supply of British capital which in present circumstances must necessarily remain unavailable for colonial purposes.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Because the cables were less strong than expected and winter wheat states had good rains, the bears started in to force a break. Early sellers were not successful, but the market was fairly good buying by brokers for the month, reported by the local market, and this added to the uneasiness of the shorts. Prices kept working up gradually all day, making the top prices shortly before the close. About the only bullish news came from Argentina where that offerings were firmer and that some of the experts are sticking to their lower estimates on the surplus for the year. Northwest dispatches are dwelling on the probable scarcity of wheat back in the country as a bull feature for the future. Kansas City claims that the managers of wheat from Nebraska points is about over. So much short wheat was covered today that the buyers may do well to hold off for a little reaction but we believe buying side for strong situation after the first of the year.

FOR ALDERMAN

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the aldermanic board to represent Ward V, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

A. G. SARGISON

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that British Columbia Packers' Association intend to apply two months after date to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for a lease of the following described lands:

Commencing at a post placed at the South West corner of the Indian Reserve No. 1, Albert Bay, and marked "B.C. Packers' Association S.W. Corner," thence 19 chains south-west, thence 20 chains west paralleling the Coast line, thence 19 chains north to high water mark, thence 20 chains east following the Coast line to high water mark to point of commencement, including the tidal lands, foreshore and lands covered by water within the said limits.

(Signed)
B. C. PACKERS' ASSOCIATION.
Robert Chambers, Agent.
Dated 16th November, 1908.

CIVIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to construct permanent sidewalks on both sides of Alpaia street from Burnside Road to Douglas Street and to drain and macadamize the same, and that all work of this nature shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement General By-Law, and amendment thereto, and that the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said By-Law, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statement showing the amount estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works, and the report of the City Engineer and City Assessor aforesaid, having been adopted by the Council, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the said report is open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C.

Victoria, B. C., City Clerk's Office, December 17, 1908.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
New York, Dec. 30.—The feature of the market was the adjustment of the differences in near positions. There was heavy covering in January in the morning in advance of the first heavy shorts covered freely in this option but sold later months. In the late afternoon December was offered down practically to level with January. This is a perfectly logical development as the cotton will be received on December tomorrow. Spot markets were relatively steady with some advance reported.

Option—Open. High. Low. Close.
Jan. 8.72 8.88 8.72 8.82
Feb. 8.82 8.98 8.82 8.92
March 8.88 9.04 8.88 8.98
April 8.94 9.10 8.94 9.04
May 8.98 9.14 8.98 9.08
June 9.04 9.20 9.04 9.14
July 9.10 9.26 9.10 9.20
Aug. 9.16 9.32 9.16 9.26
Sept. 9.22 9.38 9.22 9.32
Oct. 9.28 9.44 9.28 9.38
Nov. 9.34 9.50 9.34 9.44
Dec. 9.40 9.56 9.40 9.50

DOMINION'S CREDIT

Success of Recent Loans Compared With South American Countries

That a Dominion Government 3 1/2 per cent. loan of \$25,000,000 could be issued at 80—that is, on a 5 per cent. interest basis. And this week, the State of Sao Paulo's 5 per cent. loan of

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
New York, Dec. 30.—The list was inclined to be feverish today. Realizing was noted in spots and the bear interest was active in the metal stocks causing a general reaction in metals. Foreign operations were also in progress, all of which tended to give the market an irregular appearance. Trading was active, but the market was not considerably higher than yesterday. It seems to be the desire on the part of large interests to maintain prices at levels for the next few days and for that reason operations are likely to become of a scalping character.

CLOSING

do	50	49 1/4	49 1/2
Am. Car. Fwy.	50 1/4	49 3/4	49 3/4
do pfd	107 1/2	107 1/4	107 1/2
Am. Cot. Oil	43	42 3/4	42 3/4
do pfd	55	54 1/4	54 1/2
American	25 1/4	25 1/8	25 1/4
Amer. Loco.	58 1/4	57 3/4	57 3/4
do pfd	111	110 1/4	111 1/2
Am. Smelt.	83 1/4	83 1/8	83 1/4
Am. Sugar	102 1/2	101 3/4	102 1/2
do pfd	129	128 1/4	129 1/2
Amer. Woolen	30	28 3/4	29 1/4
do pfd	50 1/4	49 3/4	49 3/4
Anaconda	50 1/4	49 3/4	49 3/4
Atchafalpa	100 1/4	100	100 1/2
do pfd	101 1/4	101 1/8	101 1/2
B. and O.	111 1/4	110 3/8	111 1/2
do pfd	111 1/4	110 3/8	111 1/2
B. R. T.	68 1/4	67 3/4	67 3/4
C. C. C. and S. L.	70 1/4	69 3/4	69 3/4
C. P. R.	177 1/4	176 3/4	176 3/4
Canadian Pac.	117 1/4	116 3/4	116 3/4
C. and A.	64 1/4	63 3/4	64 1/2
C. and G. W.	125 1/4	124 3/4	124 3/4
do pfd	16 1/4	16 1/8	16 1/4
C. and N. W.	184 1/4	183 3/4	183 3/4
C. M. and S. P.	150 1/4	149 3/4	149 3/4
do pfd	162 1/4	161 3/4	162 1/2
Can. Leather	32 1/4	31 3/4	31 3/4
do pfd	101 1/4	100 3/4	101 1/2
C. and I.	40 1/4	39 3/4	39 3/4
do pfd	57 1/4	56 3/4	56 3/4
Colo. Southern	57 1/4	56 3/4	56 3/4
do	72 1/4	71 3/4	71 3/4
do 2s pfd	12 1/4	12 1/8	12 1/4
Con. Gas	163 3/4	162 1/4	162 1/2
Con. Products	17 1/4	17 1/8	17 1/2
do	17 1/4	17 1/8	17 1/2
D. and H.	180 1/4	179 3/4	179 3/4
D. and R. G.	40 1/4	39 3/4	39 3/4
do pfd	81 1/4	80 3/4	81 1/2
Dan. Iron	31 1/4	30 3/4	30 3/4
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do 1s pfd	51 1/4	50 3/4	50 3/4
do 2s pfd	39 1/4	38 3/4	38 3/4
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Spencer's Store News for Today, the Last Day of the Year

Today a Sale of Furs

Furs Worth \$15.00 to \$60.00 Will Sell for from \$5.00 to \$25.00

A Sale of Furs for today should arouse more than ordinary interest, coming just at the time when they are needed. From now on we have our coolest weather, and furs are absolutely necessary. Think of buying a \$15.00 fur for \$5.00, or a \$60.00 one for \$25.00, yet that is what we offer today. These furs are both styles and ties, in different kinds of furs, all good selected skins. Some fine bargains are here for somebody.

Regular values \$15.00 to \$60.00, today's prices \$5.00, \$12.50 and . . . \$25.00

Children's Carriages and Go-Carts

CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES, with best reed body, enamelled steel gearing and steel tyres. Price is \$9.00

CARRIAGE, with rubber tyres, same body and gearing as above. Price \$9.50

CARRIAGE, upholstered, reed body, steel gearing, rubber tyres. Price is \$15.00

CARRIAGE, similar to above, upholstered in tapestry. Price \$15.50

CARRIAGE, good style and finish. Price \$18.00

CARRIAGE, superior build and finish. Price \$20.00

GO-CART, nicely upholstered, price is \$18.00

GO-CART, with Hood. This is a very fine design and is upholstered in a green silk plush. Price \$30.00

No. 160—FOLDING GO-CART. Price \$3.25

No. 460—FOLDING GO-CART. Price \$4.50

No. 660—FOLDING GO-CART. Price \$9.50

No. 760—FOLDING GO-CART. Price \$8.50

"ALLWIN" FOLDING GO-CART. Price \$10.00

"TEDDY" FOLDING GO-CART, without hood. Price . . . \$11.25

"TEDDY" FOLDING GO-CART, with hood. Price \$14.00

A Few Furniture Items

JARDINIERE AND PARLOR STANDS, Early English, at \$5.75 and \$4.50

DEN TABLES, Early English, at \$17.00 and \$16.00

BUFFETS, Early English, at \$92.00, \$84.00, \$50.00, \$46.00 and . . \$37.00

PARLOR CABINETS, Mahogany, at \$33.00, \$32.00, \$21.00, \$15.50, \$12.00 and \$10.00

UMBRELLA STANDS, Early English, at \$9, \$5.50 and \$4.00

WOMEN'S DESKS, Early English, at \$14.50

STANDS, golden oak, at \$5.50, \$5.00 and \$2.00

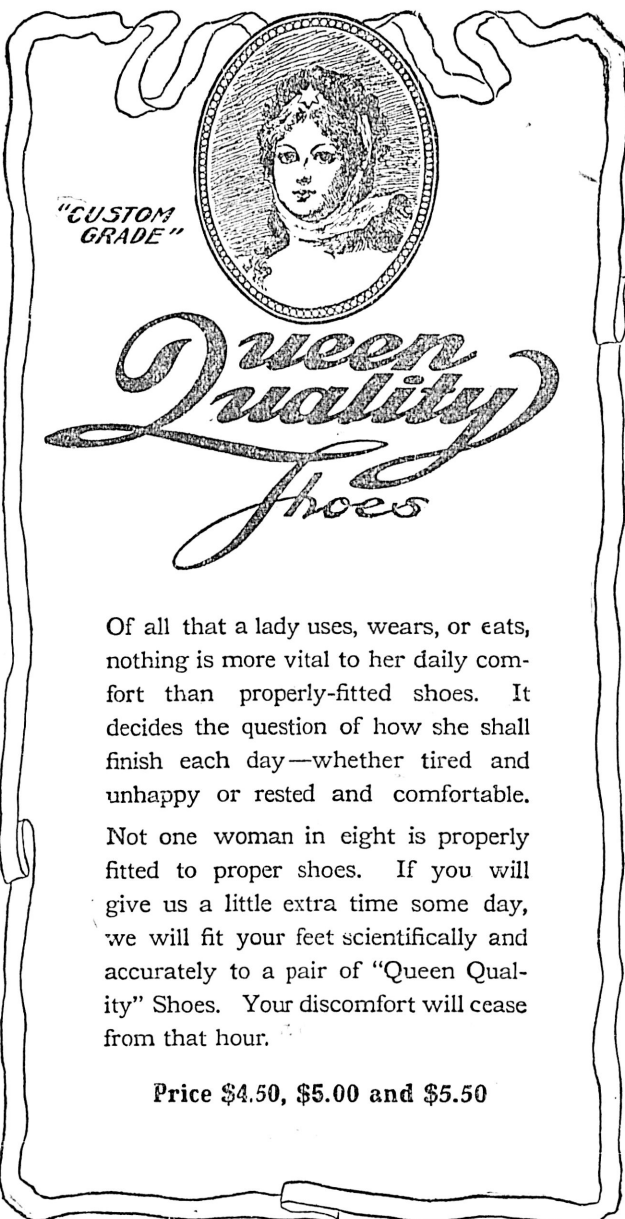
LIBRARY TABLES, Early English, at \$29.00 and . . . \$19.50

MUSIC CABINETS golden oak at \$7.50

MUSIC CABINETS, birch, mahogany, at \$17.50, \$15.50, \$9.00 and \$6.00

STANDS, mahogany, at \$7.00 and at \$6.00

PARLOR TABLES, golden oak and birch mahogany, at \$11.00, \$10.50, \$7.00, \$6.00, \$5.00 and . . . \$3.25



Of all that a lady uses, wears, or eats, nothing is more vital to her daily comfort than properly-fitted shoes. It decides the question of how she shall finish each day—whether tired and unhappy or rested and comfortable.

Not one woman in eight is properly fitted to proper shoes. If you will give us a little extra time some day, we will fit your feet scientifically and accurately to a pair of "Queen Quality" Shoes. Your discomfort will cease from that hour.

Price \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$5.50

Highest Grade Bedroom Furniture

Bedroom Furniture in Mahogany

LARGE CROTCH MAHOGANY DRESSING BUREAU of 18th century design, full size cabinet base with three full length drawers, and three small drawers of semi-circular shape. The size of top is 24 in. x 54 in. Size of British plate mirror is 44 in. x 30 in. The fittings are made of dull satin brass. Price \$180.00

"NAPOLEON" MAHOGANY BEDSTEAD, of full size to match above bureau. Price is \$170.00

"COLONIAL" MAHOGANY SUITE, comprising large dressing bureau, chiffonier, and dressing table. Finest workmanship throughout. Price . . . \$250.00

VERY HANDSOME "GEORGIAN" SUITE, comprising large dressing bureau, chiffonier, dressing table, and washstand. Finished throughout in exact detail. All in solid mahogany.

Price of Bureau \$124.00

Price of Dressing Table . . \$70.00

Price of Chiffonier . . . \$70.00

Price of Washstand . . . \$50.00

Save Money on Toilet Articles

You can save money on toilet articles purchased from us. We buy these goods in large quantities, and can give you the very closest prices.

HAIR BRUSHES at 25¢

CLOTHES BRUSHES at 15c, 25c and 50¢

NAIL BRUSHES at 5c, 20c and 25¢

COMBS at 10c, 15c and 20¢

TOOTH BRUSHES at 15c, 20c and each 25¢

SNOW CREAM, reg. 30c, special 10¢

VASELINE, at 10c and 20¢

CALVERT'S TOOTH POWDER, at 15¢

SACHETS, at 20¢

FULLER'S EARTH, almond and oatmeal 15¢

SANITOL SHAVING CREAM, 25¢

LEGRANDE'S TOOTH POWDER, at 20¢

LEGRANDE SHAVING STICK 20¢

REGAL COLD CREAM . . . 25¢

ROUND TOILET PAPER, 5 packages for 25¢

FAMILY TOILET PAPER, square, 5 packages for 25¢

Toilet Waters

FLORIDA WATER, per bottle 55¢

EAU DE COLOGNE, per bottle, 25c, 35c 50¢

LAVENDER WATER, per bottle, 25c and 35¢

SPENCER'S SPECIAL PERFUME, assorted odors . . . 25¢

LE GRANDE'S PERFUMES, assorted odors, at 50¢

Hair Lotions

PINAUD'S EAU DE QUININE, per bottle 50¢

SPENCER'S SPECIAL EAU DE QUININE, per bottle 50¢

NICHOLSON'S BAY RUM, per bottle 25¢

Nail Requisites

LUSTREITE NAIL ENAMEL, per box 35¢

COSMETIC ROSEOL, per box 30¢

CUTICLE CREAM, per box 30¢

EMERY BOARDS, per box 25¢

NAIL FILES, each 15c and 25¢

MANICURE SCISSORS, at 35c and 50¢

MANICURE SETS, each 25c, 50c and \$1.25

NAIL POLISHERS, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c and 50¢

SHAVING MIRRORS, 50c and 75¢

SPONGE BAGS, 15c, 20c and 25¢

SOAP BOXES, celluloid, 20c, 25c and 35¢

Soaps of All Kinds

CASTILE SOAP, per bar 25¢

SPENCER'S OATMEAL SOAP, 6 cakes for 25¢

ARMOUR'S SPECIAL SOAP, per dozen 25¢

ASSORTED SOAPS, 3 cakes for 25¢

COLGATE'S SILVERWARE SOAP, per box 25¢

BAKER'S SILVERWARE SOAP, per tin 15¢

TOILET PAPER, roll or package, five for 25¢

EDDY COTTAGE TISSUE TOILET PAPER, 12,000 sheets with nickel plated fixture free. Per package . . . \$1.00

They Save Heat and Fuel

The Keystone Range Boiler Covers

These covers are filling a long felt want. They fit closely over the Range Boiler. They are made of canvas lined with asbestos, and interlined with hair felt. They keep in the heat and keep out the cold, making it possible to have hot water in the boiler long after the fire is out. We would be glad to show you these in our Stove Department any time that it is convenient to you.

The price is \$4.50



Facts Concerning Our Mattresses

SPENCER'S MATTRESSES have attained the acme of perfection in the construction of each of their several grades, which range from the plain army camp mattress at \$1.75 to the finest quality of Hair or Felt at \$35.00.

Our "D. S." MATTRESS is a household word with those who desire perfection of CLEANLINESS and COMFORT. It is composed of an absolutely pure snow-white felt. This felt is made by the newest patented (1908) Felting Machine from absolutely pure white cotton. The covering used is only the best grade of floral stripe Art Ticking. The style of quilting is the "Imperial Roll Edge," the whole combining to make a very fine looking and in every way a high grade mattress, the equal of which cannot be found in Canada.

Our "COTTON SPECIAL" MATTRESS is composed of pure white cotton, and is covered with a fine floral Art Ticking. Incomparable value.

Our "VICTORIA WOOL" MATTRESS is a favorite with all those who have once used it.

Attention is Directed to Our Window Displays of

January Sale Bargains

Catalogues are Now Being Distributed. If you have not got one, we have plenty at the store for the asking.

Women's Muslin Aprons of All Kinds

MUSLIN APRONS, without bib, four rows of tucks, deep hem. Price 35¢

SMALL MUSLIN APRONS, with hemstitched ruffle. Price 50¢

MUSLIN APRONS, with bibs, deep hem, trimmed with hemstitched ruffles. Price 60¢

CAMBRIC APRONS, without bib, deep hem, cut very full and w.d.c. Price 65¢

MUSLIN APRONS, with bib, trimmed hemstitched ruffles, deep hem. Price 65¢

FINE MUSLIN APRONS, without bib, trimmed with tucks and fine Swiss embroidery. Price 65¢

MUSLIN APRONS, with bib, trimmed with pretty embroidery. Price 75¢

LAWN APRONS, with bib, trimmed with fine embroidery. Price 85¢

APRON, with bib, made of drill, deep hem, very full, suitable for nurses. Price . . . \$1.00

FINE MUSLIN APRON, with bib, deep hem, pretty embroidery trimming. Price . \$1.00

About Our Wall Papers

Our display of Wall Papers will be found to be the greatest that we have ever made. New designs, new colorings, in a most extensive assortment. If you think of doing any papering we would be glad to send our man to look over the rooms and advise you as to what would be stylish and appropriate. We feel sure that we can please you, as our range is extensive and varied.

Decorating and Upholstering

Do you want anything like that done at present? If so, we are the people you should see. We make a specialty of repairing and re-upholstering furniture, we do it in the best possible manner, employ only expert workmen, and our charges are very moderate, considering the quality of the work we do. Then, again, we furnish curtains and drapes of all kinds made to fit all places of any wanted material. Estimates will be gladly furnished on request.

"Quite Right" Boots for Men

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